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Swedish and Israeli flags lead torchlight protest during Arafat's visit to Sweden. Banner says: "Arafat, recognize the State of Israel." [Norm Guthartz photo]

Arafat's visit angers Swedes

By NORM GUTHARTZ

STOCKHOLM —

In spite of an apparent anti-Israeli trend in Sweden's Labor Party, the outcry against the

recent visit here by Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat showed that Israel still enjoys support among Swedes.

Some 1,500 Jews and Christians filled one of

Stockholm's oldest and most important churches to protest the visit at a meeting billed as being "against violence and terror."

Prime Minister Olof Palme, who invited Ara-

fat for what amounted to a state visit, was heckled at the meeting when he defended the move and was booed as he left the podium and the church.

The invitation and the subsequent 25-hour visit by Arafat to the Swedish capital aroused more controversy than this Scandinavian nation of 8,000,000 has seen in some time. Except for the Communists, every major political party in Sweden opposed the visit, and the Labor Party membership was far from unanimous in its support.

Officially, the invitation was extended by the Labor Party and not by the Swedish government. However, the party holds a clear majority in the Riksdag, Sweden's parliament, and is the dominant force in government.

Talks were conducted at the prime minister's office and at the foreign department. Besides Palme, Arafat met with the leaders of the Labor parties of Norway, Denmark and Finland, and Foreign Minister Lennart Bodstrom.

Gunnar Stenarv, secretary for the Labor Party on foreign affairs, denied that the visit marked a cooling in relations between Israel and Sweden. The Swedish Labor Party has been increasingly critical of Israel for much of the past 10 years. He noted that Sweden's delegation to the United Nations proposed giving a seat to the PLO in 1974.

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Fallen ghetto fighters remembered in Poland

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

WARSAW —

Polish Jews from around the world honored the fallen fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto last week. (See stories on page 2.)

In a simple, dignified ceremony, they laid wreaths at the base of the black granite monument commemorating the fighters' heroic and desperate stand against the Nazis 40 years ago.

To the roll of drums, they presented the

wreaths to Polish soldiers who placed them at the foot of the monument.

The ceremony, climaxing a round of events which began the first week of April, and held in the old ghetto area, attracted about 2,000 persons. An estimated 1,000 were Poles — Jews and Catholics alike — and the rest were visitors from countries like Canada, Israel, West Germany and the U.S.

One of the faces in the crowd was that of Jerzy Tomaszewski, a Polish Catholic who was 13 when he saw the flames of the ghetto from a fifth floor balcony. A University of Warsaw history professor, he said the most tragic part of the uprising was when silence descended on the ghetto. "We knew then that the end had come. It was a tragedy."

After the half hour ceremony, people pressed forward toward the huge monument — the Swedish granite of which Hitler had ordered in the belief that Germany

Jewry and Gerhard Reigner and Kalman Sultanik of the World Jewish Congress.

In an interview, Greville said the most important thing about the Jaruzelski meeting was that it happened. He said he was not at liberty to disclose the substance of their talks.

A source close to the talks said three issues had been raised: anti-semitism, Polish-Israeli relations and the state of Jewish cemeteries.

The informant said that Ratkowski declined to issue a public denunciation of Polish anti-semitism in general and of the 1968 anti-Zionist campaign in particular.

Jewish leaders meet head of Polish govt.

WARSAW —

Diaspora Jewish leaders attending the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising ceremonies held a 2-hour private meeting with Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader.

According to one of the participants, Greville Janner, president of the British Board of Deputies, this was the first time in memory a Polish head of state had received foreign Jewish leaders.

They also met with Mieczyslaw Ratkowski, the deputy prime minister.

Included in the Jewish delegation were Rabbi Alexander Schindler, head of U.S. Reform

Arens tells Shultz:

Lebanese not ready to be on their own

[Compiled from despatches]

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz is in the Middle East this week (including Israel) with the hope of speeding up the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon. He said in an interview before leaving the U.S. that he'll stay "as long as necessary" to get the withdrawal process under way.

Israel's defence minister, Moshe Arens, in an interview on the Today television show Monday morning, wished Shultz every success but expressed the opinion the Lebanese government is not yet strong enough to go it alone.

Arens pointed to last week's bombing of the U.S. embassy building in Beirut as an example of the inability of the Lebanese army to keep order and he warned Shultz that if Israel withdraws, Syria and the PLO will move in.

However, Shultz just may have some success in getting action from Israel as mounting Israeli casualties in Lebanon have sparked demands in the Knesset for a unilateral withdrawal to new lines along the Alawi River — about 48 kilometres north of the Israel-Lebanon border. This withdrawal suggestion was made by two cabinet ministers, Aharon Uzan and Mordechai Ben Porat and was discussed Sunday at a cabinet meeting.

The death of three Israeli soldiers in Lebanon within six days was the immediate reason for the demand by the MKs. A military spokesman said two of the Israelis and four Arabs were

killed in the latest clash last week. The Arabs, carrying Soviet-made Kalachnikov rifles and U.S. M-16s, died while trying to infiltrate the Israeli lines from the Syrian-occupied area of east Lebanon.

In all, Israeli fatalities in Lebanon, both during the war last summer and after the ceasefire in September, are approaching the 500 mark.

A Labor Party communique last week declared that tension caused by continued deployment of Israeli forces in Lebanon could be relieved only by their withdrawal.

"It is unacceptable to maintain a prolonged negotiations process with false announcements of breakthroughs when our soldiers sink in the Lebanese mud, and when the prospect of another war knocks at our door," the statement said.

Moshe Arens told the Knesset that Israel must be "alert and prepared" for a possible war with Syria, which was making massive "military preparations."

Arens said the number of Soviet "advisors" in Syria had risen in recent months from 2,500 to more than 4,000.

He feared the Syrians might think they could act with impunity beneath a Soviet missile umbrella. "But there are holes in that umbrella," he said.

Only a few hundred yards separate Israeli and Syrian lines. The two armies face each other across the now-melting mountain snows of east Lebanon.

All winter they have virtually frozen into static positions. But the

springtime is traditionally the military campaigning season, and as the temperature rises, tensions rise with it.

The Soviet Union has been stoking up mutual suspicions, while installing advanced SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles in Syria, with a range extending deep into Lebanon and northern Israel. Spy boats are patrolling in the Mediterranean.

Sabre-rattling rhetoric in the Soviet media, echoed by Syria's government-run press, claims that Israel has been planning a military strike against the Syrians. Prime Minister Begin has strongly denied these allegations.

Meanwhile, Begin responded obliquely last week to reports that President Ronald Reagan had told Syrian President Hafez Assad that a Middle East peace settlement should include an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The Golan Heights "came under Israeli law and administration a year and a half ago and will continue to be so," Begin told a Herut rally in Tel Aviv. "It will apply there forever."

Viewpoints inside

Another issue of Viewpoints is included with this edition of The CJN. Look for it in the centre of the paper.

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TRAFFIC STOPPER

Israeli policewoman Gloria Eisenman helped direct traffic last week while in Toronto visiting Israeli Showcase 83 at First Canadian Place. Israeli Independence Day was also celebrated at the week-long show. See stories inside on pages 26, 34. [Graphic Artists photo]

World-National

Children need guidelines, clear answers

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

"What's happening to our families — what's happening to our youth?" was the theme of the recent convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis held in Los Angeles. A large number of experts dealt with these questions, and unfortunately I could sample only a few of them.

One lecturer began by asking the members of his workshop this question: How many of our Jewish students, do you think, have already had a full sexual experience by the time they graduate high school? Everybody present guessed at the percentage and the guesses were uniformly high. Most members of the workshop believed that a large proportion of young people have not only had pre-marital relations but have them before they graduate from secondary school.

"Wrong," said the workshop leader. "It shows how little you really know your young people. The percentage is not at all as high as you believe; it is 14%, as can be gathered from a number of reliable studies (14% is of course 14% too many, but that is not the question)."

He continued: "If you want a high percentage, however, then ask how many students of that age have felt seriously depressed more than once. There, the answer is 76%."

From whom do they seek help? If they do at all they will generally not go to their rabbis but more likely to the family doctor, to psychiatrists or — although not as often as could be wished — to their parents.

According to the youngsters, parents and educators have one great weakness in common: they do not provide clear answers and instead convey a highly flexible set of moral rules. When teen-agers rebel it is not so much against standards but against those who interpret and enforce them selectively rather than consistently.

All of which brings me to a suggestion which I discussed with Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg many years ago and which I would dearly love to see raised at the forthcoming triennial Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress.

We have a fat file of prospects for UJA, for Bonds and for a multitude of cultural institutions. How would it be if we had a file for every family who does not give its children any form of Jewish education. Each one of them should be visited by a concerned member of the community, who would have a heart to heart talk with them and try to persuade them to give their children some form of Jewish education — any kind. If we would cover all such families in one concerted drive what might indeed result?

I am certain that not only would we enroll a significant number of new students in some Jewish program but we would also raise the concerns of our Jewish community beyond the mere (though necessary) process of giving money.

I would love to see such a recommendation come to the assembly and from there to every community in the country.



Rabbi Plaut

Politicians cancel out Warsaw trip, present wreath at council meeting

TORONTO —

"The world must never forget that your heroism made possible the reborn State of Israel."

That salutation was inscribed on a wreath that North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Controller Bob Yuill offered at council meeting last week during two minutes of silence in memory of Jews who lost their lives in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Originally, Lastman and Yuill had intended to present the wreath at ceremonies in Warsaw. But they changed their minds when they learned that the PLO would also lay a wreath in the Polish capital (CJN April 21).

"We felt that the Jewish people of North York would not want us to represent them at this mockery of the real meaning of the pilgrimage," said Yuill. "In place of that, we decided to have the remembrance service at our own council meeting."



Mayor Mel Lastman (left) and Controller Bob Yuill lay Warsaw Ghetto Uprising wreath at North York city hall.

For Canadians at Warsaw memorial...

Childhood memories are relived

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

WARSAW —

It was a sentimental journey which they are not likely to forget as long as they live.

Nearly two dozen Canadian Jews, spanning the generations, went to Poland to mark the 40th anniversary last week of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

They came to this Communist state despite a call by some Jewish organizations to boycott

the round of memorial events, which began in early April.

All of them except the very youngest were born and bred in Poland, once home to about 3.3 million Jews.

They talked movingly of childhood memories but, mainly they spoke of their feelings in having returned to the land of their ancestors.

Now residents of Toronto, they discussed their experiences at a cocktail reception tendered in their honor by

John Fraser, the Canadian Ambassador, at his official residence on the eastern side of the Vistula River.

Eddy Bachner, who survived the horrors of Treblinka, Majdanek and Buchenwald, recalled his boyhood. "When I go into the building in Warsaw where I once lived, I remember everything — Chaim, Moshe, everyone. Today there is nothing left."

Bachner, the sole survivor of a large family,

added: "Sometimes, I wonder whether it was all a dream. Did it happen? I have a good cry..."

Eric Goldlist, who is from the town of Chmielnik, was last in Poland 37 years ago. "It's a heart-breaker," he mused. "There is no Jewish life to speak of... the soil of this country is soaked with our blood."

Goldlist, who personally knew the commander of the ghetto revolt, Mordechai Anielewicz, said he decided to come to Warsaw so that the remnant of Polish Jewry would not feel desolately alone on the anniversary date.

Dave Geist, 67, was a partisan somewhere else in Poland when the insurrection broke out. Born in Radzymin, the birthplace of writer Isaac Bashevis Singer, he left Poland in 1946. "I see in every corner sorrow and the blood of my people," said Geist, who took his two grown children along.

Fay Goldlist, also of Chmielnik, lost her family in Treblinka, and she wanted to pay them homage by being in Poland.

Toby Kraftchuk, a Chmielniker, too, was aware that a number of Canadians cancelled their trips after North York mayor Mel Lastman bowed out. She didn't follow his lead because it was more important for her to pay her respects to her martyred family.

All the Chmielnikers hope to raise funds to refurbish what remains of the town's synagogue.

Dave Kraftchuk sounded somewhat indignant when he was asked whether he should have stayed home. "Nobody," he said, "has the right to make up my mind for me. They don't know how I feel about my parents — my loved ones — who were murdered here."

Ruth Torneck, who hails from Stashev, was only 15 when she emigrated, leaving her parents behind. The Nazis killed them, and she felt a deep need to return to the scene of the crime. "I've wanted to do this all my life."

Faiga Tick, formerly of Nasielsk, survived the Holocaust in Russia, and immigrated to Canada in 1948. "I listened to my heart, not my mind," she said, explaining why she chose to visit Poland. "I'm sorry not everyone went."

Three youths belonging to a Shomer Hatzair group were among the Canadians. They were Yissy Keshen of Toronto and Jeff Krusner and Seth Soroka of Montreal.

Krusner, 20, said that Polish Jews have stopped them on the streets after recognizing their distinctive badges. A 20-year-old York University student, Keshen said he felt he had completed his personal education by visiting the nation where his ancestors lived and died.

He made this comment after touring Warsaw's vast Jewish cemetery, where some of the Jewish world's greatest personalities are buried.

Rauca continues fight against extradition order

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Alleged Nazi war criminal Helmut Albert Rauca last week launched a bid to take his fight against extradition to the Supreme Court of Canada. Rauca is wanted to face trial in West Germany on charges of murdering 11,584 Lithuanian Jews.

Rauca's lawyers, Wil-

liam Parker and William Horkins said last week they will seek leave to appeal to the country's top court on June 20. If it is granted a date will be set for the appeal.

On April 12, the Ontario Court of Appeal unanimously upheld Rauca's extradition, which was ordered last November by Chief Justice Gregory Evans of the Ontario Supreme Court's trial division.

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Four Israeli leaders cut short their visit to the Warsaw Ghetto memorial ceremonies, and returned home angered that the Polish authorities failed to prevent a PLO representative from laying a wreath at the monument. The other 300 or so Israelis who were here stayed on.

Those who left demanded an apology from the Polish government, which had assured them the PLO would be allowed no role whatever in the memorial tribute.

They accused the Polish authorities of "cheating" and sanctioning "a cynical act and a desecration of the memory of the victims of the Nazis."

The Israelis who left were Avner Shalev and David Rivlin, heads of

the culture department in the ministries of education and foreign affairs, respectively; Shlomo Lahat, mayor of Tel Aviv, and Haim Kubersky, director-general of the ministry of interior.

Unofficially, the Poles claimed that the PLO representative placed the wreath without the knowledge of the authorities. They said a PLO wreath laid on the monument on the morning prior to the ceremonies had been removed before the ceremonies began.

In Warsaw, Josef Becker, a Toronto realtor, who was leader of the delegation of 24 Canadians taking part in the observances, told newsmen that the laying of the wreath by the PLO

had passed unnoticed by most of the Jewish foreign visitors in the Polish capital.

"As far as we are concerned, there was no PLO," Becker said. "We are making history by being here and we will bring history back to Canada with us."

U.S. members of the World Jewish congress, incensed by what they called "a series of provocations," also pulled out of the ceremonies.

Twelve members said they were protesting a Polish TV program comparing the slaughter of Jews by Nazis in World War II with last September's massacre of Palestinians in Beirut during the Israeli occupation. Mark Friedman of New York said they were also protesting the PLO wreath-laying.

World-National

Urges Israeli government negotiations

Burg denies Peace Now meeting with Arafat

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A packed and noisy meeting at Temple Sinai last week heard Avrum Burg, a leading spokesman for Peace Now, deny that any Peace Now representative has met with Yasser Arafat. "Peace Now will not negotiate with anyone — it is the government of Israel that will negotiate," declared the 27-year-old son of Joseph Burg, Israel's minister of the Interior.

He also disavowed any intention of Peace Now to become a political party in Israel, stating that it can play a much more powerful role in changing the direction of Israeli policies as a social grouping rather than as a splinter party in the Knesset.

About 350 people heard repeated calls for order from Mel Shipman, chairman of Canadian Friends of Peace

Now. But many in the audience were sensitive to criticism of the Begin government and taunts were hurled at Burg and other speakers. A small group seeking to enter the hall with an Israeli flag and protest placards was prevented from doing so by a police officer.

Many questioners were still lined up at microphones when chairman Shipman cut off discussion, saying that Burg had to catch a plane for New York early next morning.

In thanking the speaker, Dr. Vivian Rakoff, a psychiatrist, ran into some of the heaviest heckling of the evening. "I cannot believe that there are still those of you who look forward to a perpetual state of hatred and a war every five years," Dr. Rakoff declared. This comment was followed by loud applause intermingled with boos.

More than a half hour after the meeting ended,

knots of people were gathered in the hall and the foyer discussing the evening's events.

Shipman said the large turnout "will strengthen the voice of peace and increase public dialogue in Canada and Israel."

In introducing Burg, Dr. Harold Troper, co-author of *None is Too Many*, said: "I am wrestling with the place of Diaspora Jews. I question my role and I remain troubled. In part I am hoping to answer my own dilemma with what I hear tonight."

Burg, a tall, broad-shouldered young man, who is a veteran of the Yom Kippur and Lebanese wars, said he felt at home with all the heckling. He kept his own speech short to allow more time for discussion.

His central theme was that Israeli power must be controlled "in terms of morality," and the loudest applause of the

evening came when he declared that "Judaism must prevent the Jewish people from becoming hunters."

He sees Peace Now becoming a bridge to "new policies and a new vision," to create a link between religious and non-religious groups, and though there is no partner at this time for peace talks with Israel, he said the road must be kept open. He reminded the audience of the sudden decision of Sadat to reverse Egypt's role and come to Jerusalem for peace talks.

"It is a mistake to say territories mean security," he said. "That is too simple. What about the internal front? For me, security is a political peace."

He said Israel should represent a synthesis between East and West, between tradition and modernity. "I will look for every opportunity for peace — the risk is a fair



Avrum Burg

one and it's good for Jews."

The young Israeli war veteran said he decided to take public action after serving in Lebanon. "To

me the war in Lebanon was like seeing the reflection of Israeli society in a mirror. I could no longer ignore it. My Israel is going to rely

more and more on physical power and will forget its real power... its spiritual one. I came back to Israel to open a public discussion but nobody could hear me, nobody could face the reality."

He said the Israeli public is not educated enough in "pluralism" to accept anybody else, and this was the reason for the grenade thrown during a Peace Now Demonstration in Jerusalem which killed Emil Grunzweig, one of his colleagues.

In answer to one questioner, he said Jews in the Diaspora can make an important contribution to debate in Israel. "You must be involved, like a father to son, a friend to a friend. We need this criticism, sometimes we can't see ourselves. If you have something to say, for God's sake say it, it is a necessity." This remark brought loud applause.

When Burg criticized Prime Minister Begin for stating that he had the complete support of the North American Jewish community, one heckler called out: "He has more support than you have." Another heckler called out: "Are you calling him (Begin) a liar?"

While Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai was welcoming Burg to Toronto, loud arguments could be heard at the back of the hall. "I appeal to you to conduct yourselves with dignity and respect and in the tradition of openness in the Toronto Jewish community," Rabbi Pearlson said.

Rakoff said Burg had given him a "dimension of Peace Now which took me beyond my conception of its role." In praising the speaker, Rakoff declared: "He refuses to be simple, or too easy or too political. He does not speak with his blood. He has defined dialogue between Israel and the Diaspora and between Israel and our enemies."

According to military editor of Ha'aretz:

U.S. gave implicit approval to invasion

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel invaded Lebanon last year with the implicit approval of the U.S., a leading military writer claims.

Writing in the spring edition of *Foreign Policy*, published in Washington by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Zeev Schiff says that the U.S. "chose to look the other way" after concluding that an Israeli operation was imminent.

Schiff is defence and military editor of Ha'aretz, the Israeli daily publication in Tel Aviv. He has good connections in the Israel Defence Forces.

According to Schiff, the Reagan administration issued "ambiguous" comments about Lebanon that Israel "could interpret in any way it liked."

Washington, he says, knew what would happen. It had all the information about Israel's intentions and operational plans. "Israel's incursion into Lebanon did not come as a surprise."

Washington's "vague murmurings and apparent indifference" were interpreted by the Israeli government as "a green light for Operation Peace for Galilee."

Implicit American approval of then defence minister Ariel Sharon's plans weakened elements in Israel — both in the parliamentary opposition and in the general public — who were against the extension of the war past the 40-kilometre mark, Schiff observes.

So confident was the Israeli cabinet that the U.S. would not voice any

significant objections to the invasion that the issue of American reaction was not even discussed when it voted to go to war, he says.

A certain identity of purpose between Israel and the U.S. had emerged. Both countries sought to remove Syrian missiles from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, where they had been installed in the spring of 1981, and to "restrain" the PLO.

Schiff says that Israel, from February, 1982 onward, set out to explain to the U.S. why it would have to react strongly to a PLO violation of the 1981 ceasefire along the Lebanese frontier.

Major-General Yehoshua Saguy, chief of Israeli intelligence, visited the U.S. capital in February in an effort to reach an understanding with the Reagan administration on what would constitute an unquestionable breach of the truce, which had been arranged by special negotiator Philip Habib.

By April, the U.S. intelligence community knew Israel was serious about going into Lebanon. NBC-TV commentator John Chancellor, on April 8, reported that an Israeli military action would take the form of a major war and would involve 1,200 Israeli tanks.

Alexander Haig, then U.S. secretary of state, did not try to persuade Israel that Washington strongly opposed an invasion, the author says.

In mid-May, in a lengthy conversation with Ariel Sharon, Haig issued no threat after the Israeli minister told him that every country has the right to protect its

citizens.

Haig's inference was that the U.S. was not against a limited military strike, provided there was sufficient reason for one. "From Sharon's point of view the Americans had (given) the green light," Schiff states.

Moshe Arens, now Israeli minister of defence, but then the ambassador to the U.S., talked with Haig as well. Arens, Schiff notes, reported that "he had discussed in a positive atmosphere Israel's need to seize a security zone in southern Lebanon."

Once the war was under way, Schiff goes on to write, the U.S. did not pressure Israel to bring it to a quick end. The impression in Jerusalem was that Israel

was being given adequate time to "accomplish the wide-ranging objectives of the campaign. There was a general feeling that Israel and the United States were operating in tandem."

In June, Prime Minister Menachem Begin visited Washington and conferred with Reagan. Begin, in a statement later, declared that Israel and the U.S. shared a number of common interests in Lebanon.

"For the greater part of the Israeli public this statement was further confirmation of Israeli-American co-operation," Schiff writes.

The gap between Israel and the U.S. widened publicly after the Beirut massacre in September. It was then that

Washington made its first unilateral move of the war by sending marines to Beirut. The U.S. then called for a rapid Israeli withdrawal from West Beirut, which Israel had occupied after the assassination of Bashir Gemayel, the Lebanese president-elect.

Since the massacres at the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps, the U.S. has been "desperately attempting to persuade the world that there never was an Israeli-American partnership in the Lebanese war," Schiff says.

As he views it, both sides must share the blame for the resulting dispute over Israel's presence and role in Lebanon.

• Washington en-

couraged Israel that it supported its general objectives and war plans.

• Israel rendered conflict with Washington inevitable the moment it decided to extend the scope of the invasion past the 40-kilometre line.

Schiff concludes: "Whether wittingly or unwittingly, Washington gave Jerusalem the green light to invade Lebanon, and Israel interpreted the lack of a strong American position as support of all its objectives."

The moral of the story is that lack of "clear, direct communication and co-ordination" damages Israel's relationship with the U.S. and undermines the search for peace and stability in the Middle East.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: With the memory of the Holocaust and the Shoah before our eyes, one wonders: why did the Jews allow the Nazis to lead them as lambs to the slaughter? Were Jews always lambs in the hands of their enemies?

The question is a painful one. But please remember this: in our long history, there is a noticeable difference in behavior when Jews have the means with which to reply to their enemies. When the enemy has all the ammunition and all the machine guns, and you have only your fingernails, what kind of a fight can you put up? But, if you have at least a pocket knife, then you can respond. This is the only explanation for some very tragic lines in the Bible.

When we read the prophetic words in Isaiah, Chapter 50:6, "I gave my back to the smiters, And my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting," we see the picture of a people in acute distress, a people with no visible means of defending itself. The same is true of that passage in Lamentations, Chapter 3:29-30: "Let him put his mouth in the dust, If so be there may be hope. Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him, Let him be filled with reproach."

When one is in the water with a shark, one tries not to thrash about.

But, under other circumstances, Jews are seen in a different way. The siddur, our prayer book, describes them as "braver than lions, swifter than eagles." If you think this is a subjective viewpoint, please remember what a band of Cohanim and their followers did to Antiochus. Even the best Roman legions found the Judean soldiers more than a match when well armed.

We get a picture of the courage in a child of Israel, when all he had was a piece of wood with which to repel his enemies, and we get this in the dry legal examination of a witness seeking to testify before Rabbi Tarphon, in Tractate Yevamos, 122B:

A man came before that sage to testify that the husband of a certain lady had died, and that the lady was free to remarry. Rabbi Tarphon wanted to know how well the witness knew the deceased. Here is part of what the witness told him: "He and I were going on the same road. And when a raiding gang pursued us, he grasped the branch of a fig tree, pulled it down, and drove the gang back." Rabbi Tarphon said to the witness: "I thank you, Lion." To this compliment the witness replied: "You have correctly guessed my name, for so am I called in my home town: Yohanan son of Yonattan, the Lion of Kfar Shihaya." A branch of a tree, you see, was enough of a weapon in the hands of a true lion, with which to drive off an enemy gang.

In the tragic Holocaust, our people had nothing with which to defend themselves. Starved and beaten, robbed and plundered, separated from their loved ones, they faced the Nazis and their machine guns, foemen and machines without souls, who had no pity for the infants and no respect for the aged. Left with only their fingernails, bleeding from countless wounds, our martyrs could do very little. But those who survived and managed to reach Israel have set the record straight so that it reads once more: "braver than lions."

Jewish Affairs advisor resigns

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Albert Spiegel, a Los Angeles businessman and longtime supporter of President Reagan, has resigned as an unpaid volunteer advisor to the President on Jewish Affairs.

According to the White House, Spiegel had indicated for months that he wanted to give up his advisory post and return to his personal business full time. But

the Wall Street Journal claimed Spiegel quit because Reagan was pressing his peace plan (with Jordan) which Israel opposes.

Spiegel had originally been offered the official position of the President's liaison to the Jewish community but turned it down and recommended that Michael Gale, who now holds the post, get the job.

Majority support public funding of independent schools: 83 poll

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — Almost two-thirds [62.4%] of the adult population of Ontario would support public funding of independent schools, including Jewish day schools, if the schools meet "acceptable social and educational standards," according to a February 1983 Gallup poll commissioned by the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools.

The Gallup organization conducted personal interviews with a representative sample of 1,052 adult citizens throughout Ontario to test the general public's knowledge about independent schools and to measure popular support for public funding. Such a poll is accurate to within plus or minus 3%.

The respondents were asked three questions:

- The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares in part — "Parents have a . . . right to choose the kind

of education that shall be given to their child." Do you agree or disagree with this declaration?

- If public schools are unable to provide satisfactory programs for some children, parents are justified in organizing their own independent — that is, private — schools. Do you agree or disagree?

- If a child is enrolled in an independent — that is, private — school, the Ontario government should allocate the per pupil educational grant to that school, providing it meets acceptable social and educational standards. Do you agree or disagree?

Nearly all respondents (91.1%) agreed with the statement in principle that parents should be able to select the kind of school their child attends. Slightly more than two out of three (69.1%) said parents were justified in establishing schools to meet needs that could not be served by public boards of education.

But the key finding is that 62.4% agree that per pupil educational grants from the province should follow the student to independent schools chosen by the parents which meet the criteria of social and academic acceptability.

Hank Vandezande, president of OAAIS, is gratified by the results.

"We have felt for some time that people in Ontario recognize the importance of family choice in education, and that they recognize the importance of having a healthy school sector to fulfil needs that local boards cannot serve. The survey should help the government of Ontario to bring its education funding practices in line with the majority of Canadian provinces, which support their independent schools with some public funding."

According to Vandezande, families of the approximately 80,000 children in independent schools in Ontario contribute more than \$200,000,000 annually in direct and indirect school taxes. "This money is a substantial subsidy to the province. The return of a portion of this subsidy to the people who are paying it out would be simple justice."

Seven Jewish day schools belong to the 120-member school coalition represented by Vandezande. They are:

Associated, Bialik, the Bnei Akiva Schools, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Eitz Chaim, Leo Baeck, and the United Synagogue Day Schools.

All of these schools will be represented in the delegation of 150 independent school supporters who will be visiting their MPPs on April 28 as part of "Choice Education Day," sponsored by OAAIS during the government-proclaimed Education Week. They will be asking their provincial representatives to speak out in the legislature for public funding to independent schools.

According to OAAIS spokesmen, there is considerable private support among members of all political parties for the concept of government support. Vandezande believes that the Gallup poll results should encourage Premier Davis and Education Minister Bette Stephenson to act in favor of extending aid to all legitimate independent schools.

City in Soviet gets own rabbi

NEW YORK —

After 22 years without a spiritual leader, the Jewish community of Riga in the Soviet Union will soon have its own rabbi, a native of the city who has just been ordained in Budapest. The newly ordained rabbi is 30-year-old Menachem Nidel, who completed seven years of studies at the Rabbinical Seminary in the Hungarian capital.

He was ordained on March 20 and is scheduled to start his service in Riga at the beginning of June. He is the second Soviet Jew to graduate from the seminary, since 1974, the year the Soviets and the Hungarians reached an agreement enabling young Soviet Jews to study at the seminary. The first to be ordained as a rabbi was Adolf Shayeich, who graduated in 1981 and is now Moscow's associate rabbi.

According to Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of Park East Synagogue in New York and also president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, who was invited by Hungary's minister of religious affairs, Imre Miklos, to take part in the ordination ceremony of Rabbi Nidel, the ceremony was attended by Miklos himself and a high-ranking official of the Soviet embassy in Budapest.

Schneier said he was invited to the ceremony because he helped negotiate the agreement allowing Soviet Jews to study at the Rabbinical seminary in 1974.

Schneier described Nidel as a learned young man who speaks several languages, including Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian and Latvian. He said Nidel is married and has two children.

"One of the gravest problems for Jews in the Soviet Union is the lack of rabbinical leadership," Schneier said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "The ordination of Nidel, is, therefore, a major event and contributes to the solu-

tion to strengthen the spiritual leadership of Soviet Jewry."

He said that presently there are 16 students at the Rabbinical Seminary, two of them from the Soviet Union and the rest from other East European countries.

According to Schneier two Soviet students will complete their studies in a few years and then will go back to serve in Jewish communities in the Soviet Union. The average time required to obtain a rabbinical degree at the seminary is seven years, Schneier said.

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For membership in Conservative rabbinate

Application of Reform-ordained woman rejected

DALLAS [JTA] —

American Conservative rabbi, meeting at the 83rd annual convention here of their Rabbinical Assembly, rejected by narrow margins the application of a Reform-ordained woman rabbi for membership by the first roll-call vote in the history of the RA. A vote of approval would have made Rabbi Beverly Magidson the first woman Conservative rabbi. (See also CJA March 24.)

The name of Rabbi Magidson, a hospital chaplain ordained by the New York school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1979, was sub-

mitted to the convention along with the names of six male rabbis.

There are two procedures for admission to the RA and to formal status as a Conservative rabbi. One is by ordination by the rabbinical school of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The other is by a process in the RA for rabbis ordained under other Jewish auspices. During the past 40 years, some 500 rabbis have been admitted by that process.

Magidson and the six male rabbis all had been examined and approved by the RA membership committee, the RA exe-

cutive council and circulation of their applications among all 1,150 RA members. The final step is a 75% vote of approval at an RA convention.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, RA executive vice president, had told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, prior to the vote that because applicants had passed the tests of approval by the RA membership committee and its executive council, the 75% acceptance vote at conventions was routine but that since Magidson was a woman, her application had "an extra dimension."

Kelman's suggestion that Magidson's applica-



Beverly Magidson

tion presented a problem was borne out by results of the voting at the convention. The six male rabbis were admitted by the required 75% of the votes of rabbis "present and voting."

For Magidson's application, two votes were taken. She failed the required 75% by close margins. On the first ballot, 278 rabbis voted, 206 for and 72 opposed, three short of the required 75%. That vote was by the procedure of each of the 278 rabbis present standing and indicating his position orally.

The unprecedented roll-call tally took place on the second vote when an additional seven rabbis came in for the vote, which was 210 for and 75 opposed, four short of the required 75%.

Magidson said, in a telephoned statement

from her home in St. Louis, that she would apply again for admission but did not indicate whether it would be at the 1984 convention. Rabbi Kelman said he had no information as to whether she would apply next year.

The issue of admitting women to the Conservative rabbinate has been one bitterly fought in recent years, with three successive RA conventions going on record in favor of the Jewish Theological Seminary ending its policy of refusing to accept women as rabbinical candidates.

Rabbi Arnold Goodman of Atlanta, RA pre-

sident, commenting on the voting on Rabbi Magidson, said: "It is a tribute to the members that they are willing to take a public position on this most sensitive issue."

Goodman, who voted for Magidson's acceptance, also said that "obviously the admission of women rabbis will come." He added that "it is obvious that an overwhelming majority of the members support admission of women into the Rabbinical Assembly, and I feel this vote reflects the feeling of our total membership."

He expressed the hope that the issue would continue to be debated within the Conservative movement and called upon the Jewish Theological Seminary, "as the training institution of the movement, to reassess its current policy in the light of the convention voting and to ordain women as rabbis in the Conservative movement."

Kelman summarized the opposing views expressed during the three hours of heated debate that preceded the voting. He said that those Conservative rabbis favoring Rabbi Magidson's admission supported "an equalization of the role of men and women in Judaism so that women can participate fully in the religious life of the Jewish people."

He said those opposing such a step, believe that it would be "a revolution in traditional practice which ought not to be done lightly." He also noted that some Conservative rabbis feel the RA should not admit women as members as long as the Jewish Theological Seminary refuses to ordain them.

Rabbinical Assembly urges nuclear freeze

DALLAS —

Americans must stand firm in their resolve that a freeze be imposed on the manufacture of nuclear weapons, declared Rabbi Robert Gordis in his keynote address to the 83rd annual Rabbinical Assembly held here recently. Gordis is past president of the Assembly and the former professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Speaking at a Holocaust memorial program at the Dallas Jewish Community Centre, Gordis cited a high administration official who said "a nuclear war may not be undesirable," and he condemned those who are "attempting to spoon-feed the American people the nonsense that a nuclear war is thinkable and winnable."

He called on this post-Holocaust generation to build instead toward a "moral regeneration of mankind."

"We are now facing the greatest moral crisis in the history of Western civilization," said Gordis, "and the final denigration of human beings lies in the nuclear arms race and the threat of nuclear annihilation."

Gordis was one of the leading supporters of a resolution adopted by the Assembly to imple-

ment a bilateral mutual cessation of the production and deployment of nuclear weapons. The resolution was passed by the body of 1,200 Conservative rabbis representing 1.5 million congregants, and reads as follows:

We, the members of the Rabbinical Assembly —

1. Declare ourselves morally bound to participate in the struggle against proliferation and to commit ourselves to join with others in working toward eliminating the threat of nuclear war.

2. Call upon President Reagan and the Congress to press forward more vigorously

toward the achievement of effective non-proliferation treaties; and to stop the transfer of nuclear arms technology to other nations.

3. Urge the governments of the U.S. and USSR to implement a bilateral mutual and verifiable total cessation of the production and deployment of nuclear

weapons while both parties reconvene negotiations in an effort to achieve significant cutbacks of nuclear weapons in an effective phased and verifiable arms control treaty.

4. Urge each of the political parties to incorporate in its platform support for such a cessation.

5. Urge the education of the Jewish community about the perils of nuclear proliferation in keeping with the teachings of Judaism which stress the pursuit of peace; and sensitize the Jewish community to a recognition that indifference is a fatal mistake leading to world destruction.

Na'amat campaign places emphasis on discrimination of women in workforce

JERUSALEM —

"Equal Like You," a 2-month campaign conducted by Na'amat, Israel's largest organization for women, "focused national attention on discrimination in salaries and advancement opportunities for women," according to officials of the organization.

Na'amat, which

claims a membership of 750,000, is supported in North America by Pioneer Women Na'amat.

To promote its campaign, Na'amat blanketed the country with an eye-catching advertisement: a large shekel note imprinted with the words: "Your shekel is worth less. Are you

worth less? Working women — for every shekel paid to a man, you are paid only 70 agorot." [Note — 100 agorot equals 1 shekel].

At the press conference which launched the campaign, Masha Lubelsky, secretary-general of Na'amat, provided these figures on the status of women in Israel:

- Thirty-seven per cent of all women are employed outside the home.

- Working women earn 30% less than men for comparable work.

- Only 1.1% of all working women hold management and administrative positions.

The campaign was scheduled to coincide

with the introduction of a bill in the Knesset by Ora Namir to outlaw discriminatory practices in employment. The bill addresses inequalities in salary, advancement opportunity and retirement age (currently age 60 for women, 65 for men). It also seeks to extend to working fathers the special privileges given to working mothers.

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Editorial

MPs echo Arab lies

According to a report emanating from Southam News Service, several MPs have recently returned from a trip to Israel and the West Bank critical of the Jewish state.

After a tour of Gaza as well, the delegation, which included Montreal Liberal Claude-André Lachance, Torontonian Gordon Gilchrist (PC) and Prince George Conservative Lorne McCuish, has come to the conclusion that "unless the Israeli government changed its conduct, they could not believe it wanted peace."

The parliamentary group's tour was arranged by the Arab Information Office in Ottawa.

This sponsorship is not in and of itself suspect. People with open minds and a commitment to the search for truth cannot be bought by paid, guided tours.

Any criticism of the group should focus on the conclusions they have reached, not the origins of their mission.

In this regard, the delegation has been injudicious in choosing to apportion guilt and responsibility after only a 5-day study mission in the area.

One of the most absurd statements made by the group is Lachance's allegation that the government of Menachem Begin is "decapitating the moderate, non-PLO alternative leadership in the West Bank." Has the Hon. Mr. Lachance never heard of the Village Leagues which the Israelis have been cultivating so assiduously in recent years?

In the same category of hyperbolic allegation is McCuish's statement that Israel has designs on the East Bank, "which is still the territory of Jordan." It is unfortunate when a Canadian MP begins to reflect the hysterical apologetics of people dedicated to the destruction of Israel.

Gordon Gilchrist has been similarly imprudent in echoing uncritically Arab claims that the Israeli government is using old Turkish laws to "take over land still belonging to the state of Jordan."

Three of the MPs pointed to "Palestinian villages being prevented from drilling wells for irrigation while Israel settlers next door were encouraged to build swimming pools." The parliamentarians do not cite the name of the village nor the settlement in question. One suspects that their vision has been myopic in this instance.

The one-sidedness of their report is obvious. There is a not a word in the public aspect of it which relates to the upward mobility and prosperity which the great majority of the Arab population of Gaza and the West Bank have achieved since the arrival of Israeli forces in 1967.

A more evenly balanced report would have been appreciated.

Oh, no!

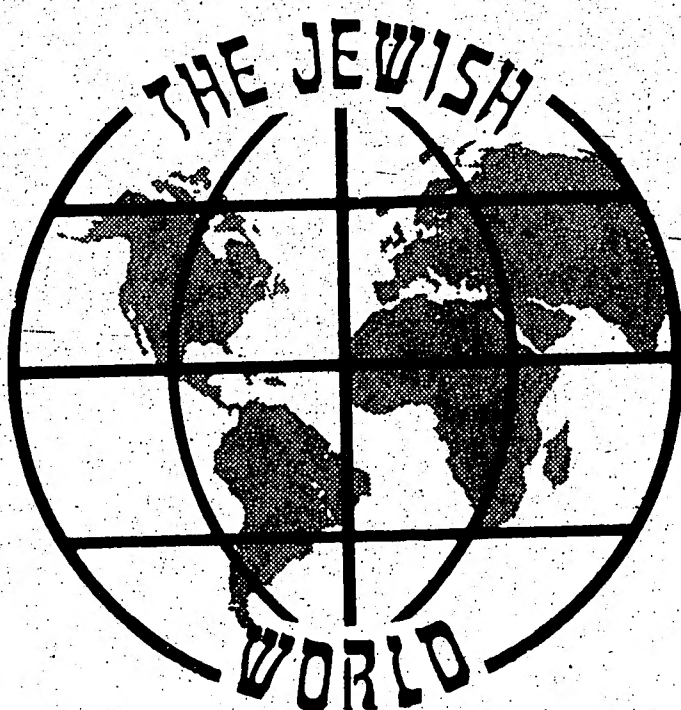
If at first you don't succeed, try and try again! That seems to be President Ronald Reagan's motto.

Having failed to get King Hussein involved in negotiations with Israel over the West Bank and Gaza, Reagan is now reported (by Syria — and NOT denied by the U.S.) to be calling for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights as part of a peace program.

In view of the fact that the Arabs don't seem that friendly to the U.S. (eg. the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Beirut) perhaps it's time for Reagan to get off Israel's back and start getting tough with and pushing around the Arabs for a change. Maybe the results will be better.

Alois Brunner, now in Damascus

Nazi mass murderer thrives in Syria



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

An intriguing story appeared in a recent edition of The Times of London. In a dispatch from Damascus, correspondent Robert Fisk reported that Alois Brunner, alias George Fischer, is alive and apparently well in the Syrian capital.

Born in Austria in 1912, Brunner joined the Nazi Party in 1931. By 1938, he was assisting Adolf Eichmann in the arrest and deportation of Jews from Vienna.

But his most important work was still ahead of him.

In 1943, he arrived in the Greek port of Salonika, which had a large and influential Jewish community. There, he signed the orders for the deportation of 46,000 Jews to death camps in Poland.

Brunner was then transferred to France, where he was reportedly responsible for sending 24,000 French Jews to their deaths. He disappeared after the Allied invasion of France, and was seen in the early 1950s in Egypt. He turned up in Damascus in 1958.

He trained German shepherd dogs for the Syrian army and, under the presidency of Amin Hafez, he instructed Syrians in the use of an interrogation machine which could inflict terrible pain.

A few years ago, he lost four fingers after opening a booby-trapped envelope allegedly sent to him by the Mossad, Israel's secret service. Last year, Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, who was instrumental in the extradition of Klaus Barbie from Bolivia to France, went to Damascus to publicize his contention that Brunner had rounded up his father during the war.

The Syrian government hustled Klarsfeld, who had no visa, out of the country. But Klarsfeld is a persistent man. He has apparently succeeded in convincing West Germany to request Brunner's extradition.

According to Robert Fisk, Brunner lives on George Haddad St., a quiet, tree-lined thoroughfare. The 71-year-old Nazi is guarded day and night. Brunner is still afraid for his life.

Fisk asked the Syrian government if Brunner lives in Damascus and a spokesman replied: "I have made inquiries and we have no such man in Syria." After a pause, he added: "I think you want to keep good relations with Syria."

The reporter conveyed a message to Brunner. Would he meet and talk about the war? Through a neighbor, he said: "No, I cannot do so. I have signed an agreement with the Syrian government never to give interviews."

This month marks the 80th anniversary of the Kishinev pogrom, which left 49 Jews

dead and 500 injured, and resulted in the destruction of 700 homes.

The slaughter, condemned by the civilized world, galvanized the newly-formed Zionist movement and led to the emigration of thousands of Jews from Russia.

After Kishinev, a young Jew named Vladimir Jabotinsky, who had devoted himself to Russian culture, turned his energies toward Zionism. Jabotinsky would become the leader of the Revisionist branch of Zionism and Menachem Begin's mentor.

The massacre in Kishinev, which broke out following malicious reports that Jews were using Christian blood for their Passover feast, was whipped up by the Czarist regime as a means of diverting revolutionary fervor.

Both Russians and Romanians joined in the riots, and students played a leading role in the cold-blooded murders. Five thousand troops stationed in the town could have intervened, but they were confined to their barracks by the authorities.

Russian intellectuals were disgusted by the blood libel. Count Leo Tolstoy wrote a letter to The Times of London and stated that the government had instigated the pogrom. Maxim Gorky, the writer, commented: "It would be unjust and too easy to accuse the mob... it was only an instrument."

President Theodore Roosevelt dispatched a personal letter to the czar in which he expressed his revulsion. But the czar refused to accept it.

Just three years later, a second pogrom erupted in Kishinev, leaving yet another trail of death and destruction.

During World War II, all but 7,000 of Kishinev's 60,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis and their Romanian accomplices.

In the past 13 years, a handful of Jews from Kishinev have managed to immigrate to Israel and the West. Jews in Kishinev today no longer fear pogroms, but assimilation, anti-semitism and ever tightening restrictions on immigration are taking their toll.



Sephardic Jews were part of Lower East Side at turn of the century.

At the turn of the 19th century, New York City was inundated by hundreds of thousands of Jewish immigrants whose mother tongue was Yiddish. Numerous books have been published about them and legion of writers have celebrated their achievements.

During this same period, 30,000 Balkan and Deventine Jews also settled in New York. By Western standards, they were uneducated, unskilled and poorly equipped to meet the challenges in their midst. And because they spoke Ladino, or Judeo-Spanish, they had little in common with Ashkenazic Jews, and were all but ignored by historians.

Despite their common customs and fealty to Ladino, these Sephardic Jews did not necessarily share similar interests and communal goals. Furthermore, they clashed with the long-established Sephardic Jewish community, represented institutionally by Congregation Shearith Israel, which was founded in 1654.

Against all odds, a Bulgarian Jew named Moise Salomon Gadol sought to unify this diverse band of Jews into something of a coherent community. He attempted, and failed, to do this through the medium of La America — a newspaper which first appeared in 1910 and stopped publication in 1925.

Marc Angel, who serves as rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel today, writes of Gadol and his dreams in La America: The Sephardic Experience in the United States (The Jewish Publication Society of America, \$15.95).

As viewed by Angel, Gadol was perhaps the greatest voice of the Sephardic immigrant from 1910 to 1925. He was an heroic, but tragic, figure who was seldom appreciated. Thanks to Angel, his accomplishments, or lack thereof, are recorded for the interested reader of American Jewish history.

Gadol was 36 when he arrived in New York City. A successful businessman who knew 11 languages, he came to visit relatives. He decided to stay after what he saw. Sephardic Jews lived in wretched conditions on the Lower East Side, and they were receiving no help from Jewish organizations.

All too often, they had little idea of what services were available, and functionaries in Jewish social agencies found it hard to believe they were really Jews.

At his own expense, Gadol founded La America, which would have great financial difficulty before its demise. La America, which was printed in Ladino and which served as a clearinghouse for Sephardic Jews, printed a wide variety of items: U.S. immigration laws, English lessons, prose and poetry and current news.

The pages of La America were filled with homilies of Americanism, but Sephardic immigrants were torn by the conflict arising from the desire to maintain the old ways in the face of powerful social forces in the U.S.

La America offered a solution that, while not particularly original, was practical: Gadol urged his readers to preserve their traditions and pass them on to their children, but also to learn English, become American citizens and adapt to American life.

While La America enjoyed a degree of acceptance among Sephardic Jews, it was not a money-maker, says Angel. Money was scarce, and there was little time for reading newspapers. The immigrants who should have read La America were too busy trying to support themselves. And besides, they were usually uneducated and, therefore, not drawn to the printed word.

Gadol's indefatigable effort to form a united Sephardic community founded: Sephardic Jews were splintered according to cities of origin, and Gadol was regarded as an outsider because there were so few Bulgarians around.

Tragedy buffeted him toward the end of his life. After his wife's death, Gadol lived alone (they had no children) and suffered from melancholy and fits of madness. He was the object of derision from philistines because of his assertion that explorer Christopher Columbus was Jewish.

Gadol died on June 3, 1941, but wasn't buried till 10 days later. Because there were no immediate friends or relatives to arrange his funeral, plans were made to inter him in a pauper's field. At the last moment, he was rescued from this fate by an old colleague who had heard about his death.

Moise Gadol died, and was buried, as a forgotten man. Thanks to Marc Angel, his story has become part of posterity.

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*More influential than the President***Chief Rabbis guard spiritual resources of Israel**By
CARL ALPERT**JERUSALEM —**

The election of two new Chief Rabbis in Israel has not attracted as much attention overseas as the election of Israel's new President, but the fact is that the Chief Rabbis have considerably more power and influence than the President.

The very institution of a Chief Rabbi, as a state functionary, seems strange to Jews overseas. Furthermore, we have not one but two — one serving the Ashkenazi community, and the other the Sephardi.

The office dates back to the time of the Ottoman Empire, when the government assured each of its religious minorities full autonomy in matters of concern to them. The religious leader of the Jews was known as the Haham (the wise one) and with the addition of the Turkish translation he became known as Haham Bashi.

When the British mandate was established over Palestine after World War I, the High Commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel, wanted to assure the rights of the Christian and Moslem communities. He continued the same principle of autonomy, and of course the Jews organized their religious affairs in parallel fashion. The supreme religious authority, created in 1921, became known as the Chief Rabbi.

Each community is given jurisdiction and control over matters which in other countries fall under civil law, such as marriage, divorce, alimony, burials, etc. Any attempt by Israel to change the system — for example, to strip the Moslem Shariah courts of their jurisdiction over these areas of religious concern to them, would cause the entire Moslem world to rise up in protest, and a revolution would probably break out at home.

Much of the day-to-day administration of these matters is carried on by the ministry of religious affairs, with which the Chief Rabbinate is associated. The ministry handles the concerns of all religious groups in Israel, and assures the independence and autonomy of each.

The concerns of the Jewish community are many, ranging from yeshivas to kashrut supervision and to mikvehs. In each local community are religious councils, responsible to the ministry of Jerusalem, and drawing their budget from it. Salaries of the rabbis, religious court judges, and the various officials and functionaries, are all paid from the budget of the ministry.

One of the most troublesome aspects of the whole institution is that while Israel recognizes the rights of Christians and Moslems, Bahais and Karaites and Samaritans, there is no such recognition of any rights for Liberal

or Conservative Judaism in an establishment which is operated by and for Orthodox Jews. The issues involved are going to erupt into open conflict with increasing frequency.

The Chief Rabbinate has two primary areas of operation. One is general supervision of most rabbinical functions in the country; the other is the Supreme Religious Court, which acts as a court of appeal from the many local rabbinical courts which handle divorce cases, and various disputes of religious concern. By new agreement, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu will divide their 10-year term. One will serve for five years as Chief Rabbi and the other as Chief Justice of the Court; for the second five years they will reverse their roles. Among recent incumbents this had been a matter for dispute.

Headquarters of the Chief Rabbinate is located in Hechal Shlomo, in Jerusalem. It is sometimes jocularly referred to as the Datican, a play on the words Vatican and dati, the Hebrew word for "religious."

The Chief Rabbis were elected by an electoral board consisting of 150 members, 80 of them rabbis and the remainder civic leaders at large. Most of the electors were chosen on the basis of political considerations, and the election campaign was a not very edifying spectacle.

The office of the Chief Rabbi is modified by

the character and personality of the man who occupies the post.

To this day Chief Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook, who served in the Ashkenazi post from 1921 until his death in 1935, is regarded as the leading and dominant personality in the modern rabbinical history of the country. His administration was marked by courageous rulings which sought to interpret Halacha, strict Jewish tradition, in terms of modern living.

He was succeeded by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevy Herzog, who came to the post after being Chief Rabbi of Ireland. Chaim Herzog is his son.

The next Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi was Shlomo Goren, who brought a certain flamboyancy to the position. He earned paratrooper wings, and had a great sense of the dramatic, as evidenced by his blowing of the shofar atop Mount Sinai, among other exploits.

The successive Sephardi occupants of the post have been marked by their dignity and scholarship, but they were not as well known in the West.

It is generally expected that under the administration of Chief Rabbis Shapiro and Eliahu, the Datican will enter a conservative period of strict interpretation of Jewish law, affording little hope to Jews who do not subscribe to Orthodoxy.

Lag B'Omer recalls history, spirituality and dutyBy
DVORA WAYSMAN

Falling as it does between Passover and Shavuoth, Lag B'Omer tends to be overshadowed by those two major festivals. It falls on 18th Iyar (May 1) and its name simply means 33rd day of the Omer which is a biblical measurement of grain.

The source of the celebration goes back 18 centuries. Sixty years after the Romans destroyed the Temple, the country lay in ruins. The Jews revolted, hoping to free themselves from tyrannical rule. They were led by Bar Kochba and Rabbi Akiva — one an outstanding general, the other a great scholar. They were successful at first, but Rome was too mighty, and battering rams eventually broke down the walls of Bethar, Bar Kochba's last stronghold. Rabbi Akiva was tortured until he died.

Nothing, however, could force the Jews to give up their Torah, despite the perils involved. During Bar Kochba's revolt, a terrible epidemic struck Rabbi Akiva's students and 24,000 young men lost their lives. But on Lag B'Omer, the epidemic suddenly stopped. This was one of the reasons for commemorating the festival.

Another cause for commemoration is linked to the great teacher Shimeon Bar Yochai, who lived at the same time. His life was in danger because he refused to obey the Roman decree against studying the Torah and continued to teach his students. He was forced to escape to a cave in the mountains of Galilee where he hid with his son for 13 years, living on the fruit of the humble carob tree.

Each year on Lag B'Omer his students visited him, disguising themselves as hunters, with bows and arrows. It is believed he died on Lag B'Omer, his last request to his disciples being that the day of his death be celebrated and not mourned.

**Reward,
punishment
explored**

Lag B'Omer raises some interesting issues regarding reward and punishment in Judaism. Bar Kochba, Rabbi Akiva and Bar Yochai were three righteous men, yet they all seem to have suffered. But Judaism teaches that obedience to the will of God is rewarded and disobedience punished.

It is a fundamental Jewish belief that the Almighty is the God of justice, and therefore He will not treat the righteous and the wicked in the same manner. So it seems paradoxical

that such worthy men underwent great suffering while so many of the wicked seem to flourish in every generation.

First, we should realize that a reward, whether a material blessing or a spiritual one, should not be the motive for virtue. Everyone knows the proverb "virtue is its own reward." The motive must be love of God and His commandments and a free enthusiasm for doing His will.

So why did Moses throughout the book of Deuteronomy continually exhort the Israelites that there would be material reward for obedience and punishment for disobedience? Moses had a lofty, spiritual nature but realized that the people he was leading could not rise to his plane, and would be influenced by promises and threats.

Rabbi Yanai wrote: "It is not in our power to explain either the prosperity of the wicked or the affliction of the righteous." The faithful believe that rewards will be given in the immortal life after death. The Babylonian teacher, Rab, stated: "In the world to come there is neither eating nor drinking... but



A break in morning period, Lag B'Omer is first opportunity for Orthodox to have a hair cut. [Amsterdam woodcut, 1723]

the righteous enjoy the radiance of the Schechinah (Holy Presence)."

Suffering and Reward

Our rabbis have never lost sight of two things. One is that suffering is not an absolute evil: it educates, it purifies, it can be an instrument of Divine love. Through suffering, Israel came into possession of great gifts — the Torah, the land of Israel and eternal life. Those who have never been afflicted cannot know the highest spiritual experience of God's chosen ones.

The second thing is that just as one sin begets another, the reward of a good deed is that it leads to another good deed. We are taught to disregard reward and fulfil our duty for its own sake.

Perhaps the lesson we should learn from Lag B'Omer is that even if we begin to serve God for a reward, we will end by serving Him without such a motive, but in order to perfect ourselves spiritually.

[By WZPS]

Human rights — a Plenary issueBy
FRANK SCHLESINGER
& JIM ARCHIBALD
[CJC Quebec Region]

Human rights is an historical concern of the Jewish people and it seems fitting that one of the first plenary sessions to be held on the first day of the forthcoming 20th Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress is entitled: Human Rights, A Canadian Perspective.

As the recognized spokesman of the Jewish community, the CJC has a long and proud history of concern and active involvement in the field of human rights and has been in the forefront of those who have consistently worked to enlarge these rights and give them even more concrete application.

Through its communal commitment to furthering the human rights and freedoms of Jews and non-Jews alike, CJC cannot allow itself to be limited to active involvement in only the crises of Jewish communal life. CJC is of the view that our immediate community must be able to live "Jewishly" in a larger communal atmosphere marked by basic freedoms and civil rights.

As in the recent example of Quebec Bill 109, the Cinema Act, CJC has not adopted an alarmist position and has not limited its action to pure crisis management, but it has underscored the dangers inherent in a piece of legislation which is nationalistic from a cultural and developmental point of view.

CJC made Quebecers — Jews and non-Jews — aware of the situation at the parliamentary commission hearings; hence,

the warning was broadcast on the airwaves and put into the permanent record of the commission's proceedings.

Public Town Hall meetings were held, community television coverage was assured, and both the Jewish and non-Jewish press published CJC's warnings.

**Beyond myopic view
of community life**

Ever since the Quiet Revolution in Quebec, CJC has extended its commentary beyond a limited or myopic view of community life. CJC has, in the past, adopted well publicized and well received community positions on educational, linguistic and cultural matters — all of which followed a common trend, that of supporting French-speaking Canadians in their need to defend the French language and culture within a culturally pluralistic society, while insisting that linguistic and cultural development be carried out without coercion and without discrimination.

Reference should be made here to CJC's position taken before the Royal Commission on Education in 1962.

A special aide-memoire on this issue and several related issues was submitted to Robert Bourassa in 1972. Briefs have been presented by CJC on several bills touching upon cultural self-determination in Quebec:

Bill 85, Bill 62, Bill 28, and others.

Let it be known that CJC has, without fail, called for the protection of human rights throughout this period of intense cultural and linguistic development in both Quebec and the Canadian federation as a whole.

Again in the Quebec Region, the joint brief concerning proposed modifications to the Quebec Charter of Human Rights presented by CJC and B'nai B'rith Canada Eastern Region, is yet another example of CJC's legitimate concerns.

Those who contend that the protection and preservation of human rights and civil liberties are not Jewish issues do not have a true understanding of the Jewish condition in today's changing world.

The Canadian Jewish community has always stood "for the promotion of anti-discrimination laws, for the ennoblement of human rights" (Saul Hayes, 1979). Is it not CJC's primary objective to "develop the highest standards of citizenship in the Jews of Canada by encouraging, carrying on and participating in activities of a national, patriotic, cultural and humanitarian nature in the furtherance of the best interests of the country and of the Jewish people?"

CJC is concerned with the "rights of people, including the Jewish people," to use Saul Hayes' words. He further added that governments in Canada have come to look to CJC for guidance and assistance in "devising methods to make a more perfect society."

CJC serves the Jewish community and in so doing, serves the society in which Canadian Jewry plays such an active and positive role.

World-National

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, brief [no more than 250 words], typewritten [double spaced, please], free of libel, and of interest to our reading public. We reserve the right to edit letters.

Roosevelt's record
Organizers of the American gathering to remember the Holocaust surely made an infelicitous choice in selecting Washington as the venue for this event.

The Rooseveltian record in succoring Jews and others seeking to

escape the demonic criminality of the Nazis is sad, indeed.

Who can count the lives which could have been saved if refugee ships had not been turned away from U.S. shores, and if safe haven had been made a possibility for many who had not embarked because they had no where to turn to?

A. A. Goldes
Toronto

Rose no spy?
Re your March 24 obituary of Fred Rose, who was convicted of

spying for the Soviets in Canada during World War II:

Fred Rose could no more have been a spy than could the proverbial camel pass through the eye of a needle.

In the USSR Stalin had started a vicious campaign against the cosmopolitans (Jews).

The Soviet anti-fascist groups were being decimated by the kremlin.

These powerful forces required a diversion and Fred Rose was the target.

The frame-up of Rose was a real joke — except

for Rose and others charged in the witch hunt.

As a resident of his Cartier electoral district of Montreal, I remember Rose as a courageous, articulate, multilingual and persuasive anti-fascist orator and pamphleteer.

Nathan Gans
Montreal

We're potent
I was really surprised to see how influential and widely-read your newspaper is.

As a result of Frank Rasky's excellent April 7 article about our company, Corporate Business Interiors, and our concern for making the work environment a place to enrich rather than diminish our lives, my associates have received a large number of inquiries.

You appear to be a potent force in the business community!

Mark Miller
Toronto

A humble rabbi
Re the March 31 report in your Montreal edition on the Purim party held at the House of Israel Synagogue, I'd like to add this praise:

A humble man is leading this House of Israel and he is Rabbi Ephraim Carlebach.

I believe Rabbi Carlebach is living up to the vision of a great chassid, Mendel of Kotzk, who said:

"A leader must not think that God chose him for his greatness."

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

"Well done"
As a newcomer to Toronto, I am proud to be a

member of a Jewish community that demonstrates its social conscience with such effective tools as Two Way Street — the documentary film on Toronto's disabled Jews.

To the people who shared part of their lives to make this film, and to those women like Patricia Starr and Lesley Miller who are responsible for the work that created Two Way Street, I say "kol hakavod" for a job well done.

Shelley Feuer
Toronto

Memory poisoners
Survivors who remember the "final solution" this 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising know that the agony is far from over. Old hatred hides behind

new masks.

Those who, in the words of Eli Wiesel, "corrupt language and poison memory," are busy rewriting the history of the Holocaust.

An example of "historical revisionism" is the recent campaign by Slovak organizations to canonize Monsignor Josef Tiso (CJN, March 1).

Readers should be aware that Tiso's case is unique:

Tiso was the only head of a Nazi puppet state who was also a priest.

"Independent" Slovakia was the first satellite to participate in the "final solution."

As you note, Tiso with his fascist Hlinka guard, tried to outdo the Germans. He was directly responsible for the de-

portations, which he justified as being "for the good of the Slovak nation, to free it of its pests." The result was the murder of 57,000 Slovakian Jews.

He has now become a national hero of Slovak independence and prayers are to be offered for his elevation to sainthood.

Dr. Oscar Singer
Toronto

"Here we are!"

Whenever I attend the yearly Yom Hashoa-Yom Hazikaron ceremonies commemorating the millions of Jews who died, my heart yearns for the raising of the Israeli flag.

It reaffirms symbolically: "Here we are — in spite of everything!"

Ilana Izso
Montreal

Yakovlev agrees to meet with Soviet Jewry wives

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

Soviet ambassador Alexander Yakovlev has indicated he will meet with 10 political wives at the Soviet embassy here on Friday morning [April 29] to discuss the situation facing a number of imprisoned Soviet Jews. The CJN learned late last week.

Yakovlev will discuss the specific cases of several long time Refuseniks with members of the American Congressional Wives Committee for Soviet Jewry

and the Parliamentary Spouses Committee for Soviet Jewry at the end of their first-ever joint 2-day meeting.

The meeting between congressional and parliamentary spouses was organized to raise public awareness of Soviet Persecution of those Jews who have applied for exit visas to rejoin families abroad and have been refused.

"The plight of Refuseniks has become steadily worse over the last few years," organizer Penny Collette said in an interview, before the meetings began. "The

Canadian Parliamentary Spouses Association [and its offshoot, the smaller Committee for Soviet Jewry] set up a year ago to press for Canadian intervention in the case of imprisoned Refusenik Vladimir Tsukerman] hopes public pressure from the West can save the lives and ease the distress of such heroic individuals as Tsukerman, Anatoly Scharansky and Ida Nudel," she said.

The two groups have called on political spouses in 12 other Western countries to join them in condemning the Soviet Union's treatment of Soviet Jews, Collette said.

In a written reply to Collette's requested meeting, Yakovlev said he would meet with the group briefly to discuss the matter and to convey their concerns to Moscow.

Persecution confirmed of Ethiopian Jews

WASHINGTON —

A recently issued U.S. state department report on international human rights practices for 1982 confirms that Ethiopian Jews are being persecuted because they are Jews.

The American Association for Ethiopian Jewry, a Chicago-based group working on behalf of the Ethiopians, urges concerned people to cite the report's evidence in pressing federal representatives to facilitate their emigration.

The report states: "The Ethiopian government appears to tolerate discrimination, particularly against certain ethnic groups, and on religious grounds."

"In the religious and cultural areas, Ethiopian Jews are worse off since mid-1981 than other ethnic groups in Gondar province. The Orthodox population of Gondar has access to churches, whereas in 1981 the government, alleging maladministration, closed synagogues and schools established for Falashas by the Organization for Rehabilitation and Training, (ORT), an international group based in Switzerland."

According to the report, one of "the usual grounds for detention on political grounds is suspicion of affiliation with a

'subversive' religious group," and "no enforceable legal protections have been introduced for the protection of the civil and political rights of individuals" in Ethiopia.

The report also says that the right to emigrate is not recognized by the Ethiopian government. Many of the Falashas wish to go to Israel, but can't. In November, 1981, the government proclaimed that illegal emigration was a treasonable offense; punishment ranges from five years rigorous imprisonment to death.

There are currently 3,000 Falasha refugees in the Horn of Africa who cannot go back to Ethiopia without facing dire consequences.

The report suggests what imprisonment might mean to the Falasha: "Torture is not prohibited by law... prisoners and detainees in Ethiopia are sometimes subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment."

"The Ethiopian refugees who are currently waiting in hope of being permitted to emigrate to Israel find themselves in limbo," an AAEJ spokesman commented. "Pressure from our own government could facilitate their emigration."

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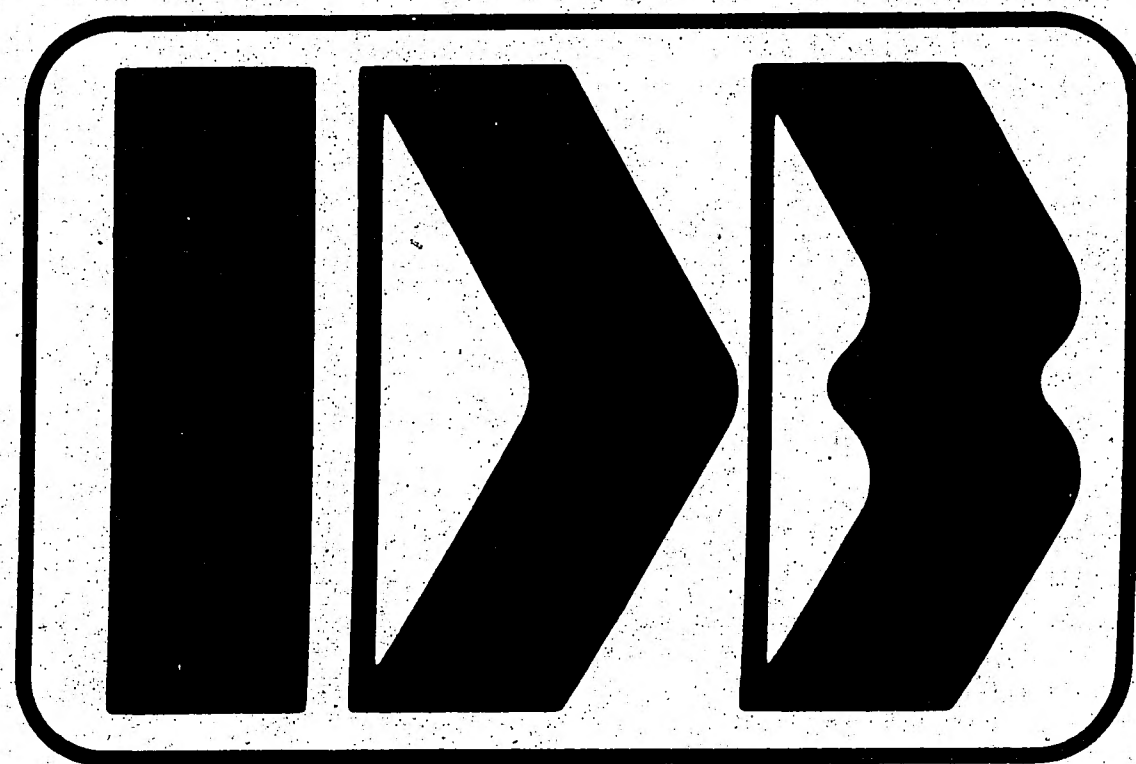
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Toronto's Dvora Schoenfeld is congratulated by Leon Kronitz at National Bible Contest. [Ted's Studio photo]

Conversion to Judaism outpaces intermarriage

DALLAS —

The tremendous surge in the number of converts to Judaism has outpaced the decline in the American Jewish population due to intermarriage, according to Dr. Egon Mayer, associate professor of sociology at Brooklyn College.

In a speech before the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of 1,200 Conservative rabbis representing 1,500,000 congregants, Mayer, an Orthodox Jew, based his conclusions on several studies dating from 1975 and on his own survey of 446 intermarried couples.

Mayer states that there has been a 300% increase in the rate of conversion to Judaism over the past 30 years, and he estimates, based on the data available, that there are "at least 100,000 Jews by choice, or converts, in the U.S. today." He indicated that the actual figures, however, could be as high as 200,000.

Rabbi Arnold Goodman, spiritual leader of Congregation Ahavath Achim in Atlanta, and the president of the Rabbinical Assembly, while agreeing we are witnessing a significant growth in the number of converts to Judaism, noted that "although the report may be sociologically correct, these figures are scant consolation to the families whose children are entering into intermarriage."

Mayer's study showed that while "Jews by choice are often ritually more observant than Jews by birth, they share to a lesser extent in the ethos of the Jews. Unless they are socialized to share in the Jewish ethos as much as they do in the

practices of Judaism, there is reason to expect that conversion can produce considerable stress both within the converts as well as between them and their born-Jewish brethren."

Rabbi Goodman agreed with Mayer's assessment of the importance of the intertwining of religion and ethnicity in Judaism. He expressed concern for the Jewish community of the future when a large number of the children of converts will have grandparents and relatives, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Goodman said he is concerned that this mixed heritage will dilute the quality of Jewish life.

Mayer reported that the increasing number of Jews by choice have had an impact on the American rabbinate, leading to a "strengthening of the role of the rabbi. The rabbi is emerging as the important dispenser of the skills and rituals through which non-Jews can become Jews, and through which intermarried families can remain within the fold."

Viewing the phenomenon of the increasing numbers of Jews by choice as having a positive impact on the Jewish community, Mayer said: "Converts can, and to some extent have, set in motion the gradual reversal of a century of secularization."

3 Canadians selected for international Bible contest

MONTREAL —

Three students were selected to represent Canada at the International Bible Contest in Israel next year, during the national competition held in Montreal recently.

Ester Lang, of Herzliah High School-Snowdon, was first prize winner in the grades 9-13 category for Jewish day schools and Doron Sar Avi, of United Talmud Torahs-St. Laurent, and Elliot Fisher, of Associated Hebrew Day Schools in Toronto, tied for first place in the grades 6-8 division.

They will receive half their expenses to travel to Israel to test their knowledge of the Bible against that of Jewish students from around the world next Yom Ha'atzmaut in Jerusalem.

One hundred day and afternoon school students took part in the 25th annual National Bible Contest, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, which was held over two days at Herzliah High School-Snowdon and the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. They were all semi-finalists from preliminary regional competitions held in February in Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Halifax, as well as Montreal and Toronto.

Other national winners were: day schools grades 9-13, second prize, Avraham Steinberg, Herzliah High School-Snowdon, and, third prize, Avraham Blanshai, Hebrew Academy; day schools grades 6-8, second prize, Rachele Abrahams, Eitz Chaim School, Toronto, and, third prize, Sharona Binstock, also Eitz Chaim; and, afternoon schools, first prize, Dvora Schoenfeld, Downtown Jewish Community

School, Toronto, second prize, Erik Grossman, Adath Israel Congregational School, Toronto, and, third prize, Melissa Goldstein, North Peel Hebrew School, Toronto.

The day school students wrote all the exams in Hebrew; the afternoon school students were given written and oral tests in English. All winners received books from the Montreal book store, Bibliophile.

The out-of-town participants were hosted in the homes of Herzliah students and staff and a number of other activities were organized for them during their stay.

The judges at the Bible contest's concluding rounds, held at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, were Israeli consul-general in Montreal Yitzhak Mayer, Shmuel Haramati, World Zionist Organiza-

tion education shaliach at the CZF in Montreal, and Rabbi Azriel Dvir, Torah education shaliach in Toronto.

The students were welcomed at a dinner during the contest by Herzliah principal Rabbi Pincas Tessler, United Talmud Torahs educational director Rabbi Jay Braverman, CZF executive vice-president Leon Kronitz, Mayer, Haramati and Dvir.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On Friday, May 2, 1980, Arab terrorists killed six Jews and wounded 17 others outside a yeshiva in Hebron. Forty-four years earlier, the community there was evacuated after a 7-year wave of similar violence.

Strategically sited in the Judean Hills with Jerusalem to the north, the Negev to the south, wilderness to the east and the fertile coastland to the west, Hebron has been an important defence post and marketplace since biblical times. It was there that Abraham first settled nearly 3,800 years ago and his wife Sarah died. Isaac and Jacob lived in the town. The three patriarchs are buried in the cave of Machpelah; Abraham's purchase of the property and surrounding field is detailed in Genesis 23:2-20.

Joshua leading the Jews into the Promised Land some 400 years later recaptured Hebron. It was chosen one of the six cities of refuge on either side of the Jordan. David was anointed king of Israel in Hebron, from where he reigned for 7½ years.

Jewish settlement survived long eras of occupation

Waxing and waning, Jewish settlement in the area survived the fall of the northern and southern kingdoms, occupation by the Edomites, the Roman-Jewish wars and Bar Kochba revolt, Byzantine rule, the Arab conquest, a century of Crusader occupation, and reconquest by the Egypt-based Mamluk Moslems in the 13th century. The latter forbade Jews to enter Machpelah, a decree enforced till the Six Day War.

Despite greedy local governors, Hebron's community grew under Turkish rule (1517-1917), bolstered by emigrants from Spain, Amsterdam and later Eastern Europe. It attracted the gamut of religious scholars, from the Talmudic to the mystic.

Hebron soon outstripped Safed as the centre of Jewish mysticism and asceticism, and was second only to Jerusalem in religious scholarship and significance.

Until well into the 19th century, the community was largely supported by funds from abroad. Initially sharing these from combined solicitations with Jerusalem, Yavneh and Safed, Hebron developed its own network in Europe by the 1820s.

Impetus for local economic development was provided in the 1850s, when Sephardic community leader Elijah Mani decreed that only full-time religious students could be subsidized. By the turn of the century, the 1,500-member community had a number of Sephardic, Ashkenazi and chassidic yeshivot, a hospital, a secular school established by German Jewry, and flourishing wine and crafts industries and trade.

Slobodka yeshiva sparked post-war recovery

The boom ended with the outbreak of World War II. All the young men were drafted into the Turkish army, and the institutions and schools closed. The long post-war recovery, stimulated by the establishment of the Slobodka yeshiva there in 1925, saw the community back up to 700 out of a total of 16,000 in 1929.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, 1929, the wave of anti-Jewish hatred incited across Palestine by the grand mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin Husseini, and other Moslem religious leaders, finally hit Hebron. An Arab mob with knives, clubs and sabres attacked in a frenzy. More than 65 Jewish men, women and children were killed, and 60 wounded. Synagogues were razed, and Torah scrolls and prayer books burned. Arab constables, who largely constituted the handful of local police, joined the mob in the carnage.

The rest of the community was destroyed in further upheavals seven years later, and evacuated by the British. Lost to Jordan in 1948, Hebron was retaken by the Israelis in 1967; its old Jewish quarter was found totally destroyed and the Jewish cemetery in ruins.

On Passover eve, less than one year later, a group of religious youth and ex-servicemen, Gush Emunim, began resettlement nearby, braving Arab and official Israeli opposition. Kiryat Arba, as the area is known, has close to 4,000 Jews now.

Kaddish and Hatikvah

Security tight at ghetto memorial

[Cont'd. from page 1]

would win the war. They said kaddish and chanted songs, sad ones and joyous ones. Youths from Israel sang Hatikvah.

Security was extremely tight, as it has been since foreign delegations poured into Poland. Several Jewish leaders from the Diaspora were accompanied by beefy bodyguards.

The visitors also laid wreaths at Mila 18, the last command bunker of the Jewish combatants, and at the railway siding where Jews were deported to concentration camps.

Diplomats from a variety of countries, including Canada and West Germany, laid wreaths later in the day. Fuad Yassin, the PLO representative here, placed one, too. He had words of praise for the

martyred fighters. But, in a probable allusion to Israel, he talked of the "new Nazism."

The West German embassy, in a statement, paid tribute to the victims of the revolt and to the Poles who risked their lives to help them. The West Germans said a similar crime would never again be committed "by Germans or in the name of Germany."

Solidarity, the banned free trade union, marked the occasion with several rallies — one of which was broken up by the police soon after it got under way.

Marek Edelman, the last ghetto commander, was reportedly placed under house arrest in his home in Lodz. He had been critical of the official ceremonies. Edelman is a member of Solidarity.

Through a spokes-

man, who was later arrested or detained by the authorities, Edelman said the ghetto heroes, had they lived today, would have joined Solidarity.

Lech Walesa, Solidarity's leader, was detained for nine hours after he tried to drive from Gdansk to Warsaw to attend one of the unofficial ceremonies.

In the ornate hall of Warsaw's Grand Opera building, Kalman Sul-tanik, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, conveyed greetings from Edgar Bronfman, who was indisposed and could not travel to Poland.

Sultanik, a survivor, said the world had stood by "indifferently" while the Nazis murdered Jews. He praised those "precious few" Poles who assisted Jews in their darkest hour.

In a tacit rebuke to the Communist regime, he said Poland would have to "normalize" its relationship with Israel if it wanted the friendship and understanding of Jews in the Diaspora. Poland has not had diplomatic relations with Israel since the 1967 Six Day War.

Wlodzimierz Sokorski, president of the Union of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy — the official sponsor of the commemorative events — said the ghetto fighters had fought in defence of "human and national dignity."

Castigating the West for its stance during the Holocaust, he noted: "The tragedy of the fighting ghetto was covered up in silence!"

Stefan Grayek, president of the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Camp Inmates, said the fighters defended "the honor and spirit of man." He urged world governments to uproot anti-semitism.

In an earlier ceremony, the government handed over to the tiny Jewish community the reconstructed Twarda Street Synagogue — the cost of which it bore. It is Warsaw's only synagogue.

Present in the beautiful shul were Poland's minister of religion, Romanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Frenkel, American Joint Distribution Committee President Henry Taub, and there were, as well, two Polish bishops.

Meanwhile, scholars ended a 3-day international conference on the Holocaust by passing a resolution condemning "fascism, Nazism, anti-semitism and racism."

A series of cultural happenings punctuated the week in Warsaw.

At the National Museum, an exhibition on Polish artifacts — ranging from paintings to sacramental objects — was opened. The Jewish Theatre put on several productions, and Inter-Press, the Polish press agency, screened two films about Polish Jews and Treblinka. Film Polski showed Austeria — a film depicting chassidic life during World War I.

There was a photographic display at St. Mary's Church, Warsaw's oldest, on Jewish cemeteries in Poland. Monika Krajewska, the photographer, is a Catholic interested in Polish Jewish culture.

Polish media coverage was extensive and generally positive. However, Zycie Warszawy, one of Warsaw's most popular dailies, carried an article headlined "Israel's distorted soul."

The paper said: "The policy of Israel toward the Palestinians contradicts the values and ideals for which thousands of the Warsaw Ghetto heroes gave their lives. The social and political crisis nagging Israel is the consequence of betrayal of its own history."

Zycie Warszawy said Israel was contradicting the historical values and history of the Jewish people.

Begin support goes up, the latest poll reports

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

JERUSALEM —

Prime Minister Menachem Begin has gained increased support and is by far the most popular choice to lead Israel's government, the latest opinion poll indicates.

The poll, published in the pro-Labor Jerusalem Post of April 15, also

indicated that slightly more than half of the Israeli public opposes any territorial losses on the West Bank, which also is an increase for that view.

Among those polled in March, 50.2% categorically rejected land concessions compared with 46.6% a month earlier.

The apparently moribund Reagan peace ini-

tiative is based on the concept of Israel exchanging "land for peace."

According to results of the poll conducted for the Jerusalem Post by the Mod'n Ezrachi Institute between March 15 and 23, Begin was the choice for Prime Minister by 45.6% of the 1,216 Jewish Israelis who responded. In February his popularity was 44.7%.

President Yitzhak Navon, the Labor Party's most prominent Sephardic member, dropped in the March poll to 15%, nearly eight points less than his February's support of 22.9%. This put him 30.6 percentage points behind Begin.

Former Labor Party Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stood at 5.4% in March and Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres was at 3.9%.

Multicultural aid to be increased

TORONTO —

The present \$8.5 million spent by the federal government on multicultural grants will be increased in the new fiscal year by an additional \$7.5 million, it was announced here recently. [The fiscal year commenced April 1.]

Jim Fleming, multiculturalism director, told ethnic media editors that the budget for heritage language programs will be almost trebled from \$1.5 million to \$4.26 million.

He said this financial boost would make it possible to develop better teaching materials in the Canadian context, better training for teachers, and provide more adequate funding of the

heritage language supplementary schools.

"At present," Fleming said, "because of a shortage of materials, it has often been necessary to employ materials from the country of origin, rather than in the Canadian context."

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From Oct. 2-6 in Jerusalem

Holocaust survivors plan a world assembly

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — A world assembly of Holocaust survivors, combatants and liberators will be held in Jerusalem, Oct. 2-6, under the auspices of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"We expect about 15,000 Israelis to participate and hope an equal number will join us from around the world," said Dov Shilansky, deputy minister of the Israeli Prime Minister's office.

Shilansky, 59, is chairman of the Israeli committee of prominent former fighters, partisans and survivors organizing the event. He was in Toronto recently to help arrange a Canadian committee to head this country's participation.

The gathering, called the World Assembly to Commemorate Jewish Resistance and Combat During World War II, will include Gentiles as well as Jews, said Shilansky. "Holland has already organized a group of 75 non-Jewish former resistance fighters," he said. "They told us: 'We fought and died with you; now we want to return and remember with you.'"

Shilansky's committee

is inviting all survivors, combatants and liberators, including those from the Eastern bloc countries. A "significant number" of Jews and Gentiles have already accepted from the Soviet Union, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Hungary.

Includes Gentiles and Jews

Top Allied figures like Dwight Eisenhower and Winston Churchill will be represented by their children or grandchildren.

A delegation of 15 former partisans from France, non-Jews, representing the political spectrum has also elected to come, said Shilansky.

"The assembly will be as much for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren as for the participants themselves," said Shilansky. "When their descendants read in their history books about the awful catastrophe that befell

humanity and ask 'what did my family do then?' they will be able to see the awards and photographs from our assembly attesting to their forefathers' efforts against the Nazis."

Among the assembly's aims is to publicize the instances of Jewish resistance not as familiar to the general public as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

These include: the 1943 revolt in the Sobibor concentration camp; the bold exploits of women couriers and fighters like Mala Zimetbaum and Niuta Teitelboim; resistance within Nazi Germany by the Herbert Baum group; the revolt in Bialystok, Vilna, Marcinkonis (in Lithuania), Tuczyn, and other ghettos; several escapes from Auschwitz, and a revolt within the notorious death camp itself; and the operations of various partisan groups.

"Within the Allied armies there were over 1,400,000 Jewish soldiers," said Shilansky. "How many people are aware of this?"

Shilansky emphasized, however, that the ability and opportunity to take up arms against the enemy, particularly in the unique case of the Nazis' monstrous cam-



Dov Shilansky heads preparations for world assembly. (Ben Lechtman photo)

paign against the Jews, are not the sole criterion of bravery.

"It is not for us to say who was more courageous, the fighter in the forest, or the person who decided to stay on in the ghetto to protect parents, or a younger brother or sister."

Slight, soft-spoken and gray-haired, Shilansky's appearance belies his past. His credentials as head of the assembly organizers are impeccable.

The Soviet forces occupying Lithuania in 1940 banned the use of Hebrew and all Zionist activity. Shilansky, who was 16 then and head of the Betar youth movement in his hometown of Shavli, became a leader in the Zionist underground, spreading Jewish and Hebrew culture and language. On one occasion, he organized the evacuation of the Hebrew high school's library when the latter was about to be burned

down by a group of Jewish Communists.

The Germans began their occupation a year later. Shilansky stayed on in the ghetto to become one of the leaders of the underground. He was deported to Dachau in 1944, where he also participated in the underground's leadership.

When liberated by U.S. forces on May 1, 1945, Shilansky helped establish an illegal escape route to smuggle Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe to Italy and from there to Israel. Despite the need for a haven during and after the Holocaust, the British mandatory administration maintained restrictive immigration quotas in the Holy Land, which they enforced by armed land and sea patrols.

Shilansky experienced several close calls during the clandestine trips he made leading refugees into the future Jewish state.

In 1947, Shilansky became Irgun Zvei Leumi head in Germany, where the largest concentration of war refugees was assembled.

He came to Israel on the Altalena, swimming ashore when the ship was bombed.

Shilansky led a number of demonstrations against normalization of relations between Israel and West Germany, in the early 50s.

Shilansky, a member of the Herut party, was elected to the Knesset in 1977; he was appointed deputy minister in 1981.

His wife Rachel is also a survivor. They have two sons.

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World-National

Saved by a cigar

Tiny tots as delegates? I was nearly one, too

By
J. B. SALSBERG

In recent weeks I was often reminded of the old saying that "it's an ill wind that blows no good." Our topsy-turvy weather pattern has given us the mildest winter in years and is trying to make up for it by presenting us with one of the coldest springs.

But . . . thank heaven that the Conservative Party of Canada is regaling us with another of the many leadership affirmations that entertained us so many times since Joe Clark wrested the leadership of that party.

The media help to relieve the cold spring blues with daily renditions of the fascinating saga of "dirty tricks" employed by the supporters of this or that candidate for the leadership of the Conservatives. But to me the most enjoyable aspect of the present political spectacle is the zooming in on the enrolment of under-age youngsters, all the way from 6 to 14 or 15 years, as members of the old Tory party so that such fledgelings may help to elect delegates to the leadership convention on the basis of their commitment to support one or another of the leadership candidates. That's real Tiny Tot Power!

There is a reason, my esteemed friends, why the tiny tot aspect of the political extravaganza has special significance for me. The reason is (hold your breath please), that I was on the brink of being a tiny tot



J. B. Salsberg

delegate to a Tory convention a long time ago, but was saved from that sinful engagement by what I can only describe as an act of providence.

So listen, my older friends, to this experience of my political past, and I appeal to my junior or Tiny Tot readers, also to listen to my tale that throws some light on our early experiences in this country. At any rate, young and old of my prestigious readership will learn that Ecclesiasticus was right when he said that there is nothing new under the sun.

The bizarre happening I'm about to reveal took place around 1915. The Toronto Jewish community had been greatly enlarged by the influx of immigrants that had taken place prior to the outbreak of World War I. A large percentage of the newcomers originated from Polish, Galician, Ukrainian, etc., small towns. Most of them had little experience in the democratic political process. There had been mighty little of such experiences in the land they came from.

While many of the younger members of the new Jewish community were influenced by secularism and labor radicalism, the older and quite Orthodox members of the latest wave of immigrants remained, for some time, outside the Canadian political scene. But due to practical necessity, they became peripherally linked to the political party that was dominant at the time.

In Toronto the Conservative Party had almost unchallenged control of city hall and a few Orthodox Jewish newcomers became the connecting link between the Conservative Party machine and a great many of the elderly Jewish immigrants.

Pedlars, expressmen and others who relied on horse transportation were suffering from two major tyrannies. The health

department inspectors issued summonses to those whose manure boxes leaked and the humane society inspectors often laid charges against those whose horses limped or were underfed. (In the "old country" there were no such crimes. In fact, there were no manure boxes and no humane societies.) But here it was obviously necessary to know someone who knew someone at city hall to protect one from those persecuting inspectors. This is how the friendly newcomer who had become linked with the Conservative Party was of inestimable value.

Hall was packed;

I showed my card,

and was ushered in

My father was a good friend with "Alec" (Elyeh, Eliyahu) Isenberg, an Orthodox Jew who belonged to my father's synagogue and he, Reb Elyeh, had become a very important link between the older members of the newcomers and the Conservative leadership at every level of government. It was he who looked after many of my father's problems with the authorities.

And so it came to pass, one evening in the year 1915 or 1916, that my father turned to me and said: "Yoselle, Isenberg bothered me about going as a delegate to some

meeting the Conservatives are holding tonight. Frankly, I don't know what it's all about but I promised him that I would go. But I'm really busy, so would you like to go instead of me?"

Of course I would, why not? So my father gave me the card that Isenberg had left with him and off I went to, what was then known as, Broadway Hall on Spadina, around the corner from where we lived.

When I arrived, that big hall was packed to the door. I showed my card (actually my father's card) and was ushered in. A Mr. Lester, the head of a large cartage firm, was on the stage talking about how "the Liberals almost sold us down the river with their reciprocity scheme."

I had no idea what "reciprocity" was nor did I know what river they were going to sell us down, in or on.

But just as I, a 12- or 13-year-old newcomer, was trying to find my bearings, so to speak, a portly gentleman came towards me and asked if I was a delegate. I didn't know what a delegate was so I showed him my father's card. He smiled broadly, asked me to vote for him and, to clinch the deal, offered me a big, fat cigar which I took and, imitating most others around me, promptly put the cigar in my mouth. The portly man offered me a light and I began puffing the horrid thing.

After a few puffs my head began to turn, the floor began to turn and I quickly rushed out of the smoke-filled auditorium and stumbled to the street for some air. I didn't, of course, go back. I barely groped my way home and threw myself into the first bed I found.

Mysterious, indeed, are the ways of providence. In my case it was a cigar that saved me from becoming a voting Tiny Tot Tory . . . Thank heaven!

Swedes protest Arafat visit

[Cont'd. from page 1]

More recently, 175,000 people signed a petition calling on the government to sever relations with Israel.

Stenarv said Sweden wants to see a negotiated settlement to the conflict in the Middle East. He said President Reagan's peace proposal of September "has some good points, but there are problems with it. We see the need for a Palestinian state and the need for PLO participation in negotiations." The Reagan proposal ruled out these options.

Palme, in an interview on Swedish television, said he believes the PLO is ready to recognize Israel, but blamed Israel for preventing it. The PLO would not publicly recognize Israel without a reciprocal recognition, he said.

During a press conference after his talks, Arafat refused to answer questions directly on whether he was prepared to recognize and live in peace with Israel. A correspondent for GT, a leading evening newspaper published in Gothenburg, wrote: "To the end (of the press conference), journalists tired of Arafat's vague answers and his answering questions with questions."

At the anti-terror meeting, former Liberal Party leader Per Ahlmark rapped Palme for failing to publicly criticize the PLO's stated aim

of destroying the State of Israel.

Ahlmark, long one of Sweden's most outspoken supporters of Israel, said: "When the oil goes in, the morals go out (of international affairs). Now, I am tempted to say that when Palme goes in, the morals go out."

He was joined by leaders of the Conservative Centre and Christian Democratic parties in attacking the Arafat visit.

Throughout Arafat's visit, pro-Israel demonstrations continued,

starting with the lighting of flames on a city square in memory of the victims of PLO terror. When the PLO leader and five bodyguards — all armed — arrived at Stockholm's finest hotel, a small group of Israel supporters were there.

The anti-Arafat activity culminated in a silent torchlight parade by some 700 Jews and Christians following the meeting in the medieval Great Church of Stockholm. The march closed off traffic as it wound its way from the old city and

past the Grand Hotel, where the PLO representatives had 25 rooms on the top floor.

As the procession passed across the river from the waterfront hotel, Arafat was being winned and dined by the Labor Party leadership.

Palme was criticized last year for withdrawing a Labor Party invitation to Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres for May 1 celebrations in Stockholm on the grounds that Peres' safety could not be guaranteed.



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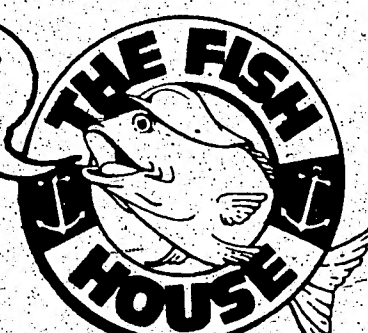
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Organizations and People

Spoke a cross between Ojibway and Yiddish

Passing of rugged Jack Leve ends a colorful era

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO — With the passing of fur trader Jack Leve, a Canadian era came to an end. He was, said his daughter, Judy Feld Carr, president of Beth Tzedec Congregation, the "last of the 'coureur de bois.'"

Leve died last week at the age of 85.

"He was a man of strength, both physical and moral — a rugged individualist who shaped his own life and did what few people do — lived his life as he wanted to



Jack Leve

live it," Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg said of Leve in his eulogy.

Leve was an independent fur trapper and trader who operated out of North Bay and Sudbury. The family can recall his being gone "for weeks at a time," out in the wilderness, trapping and trading with the Indians.

"He spoke a cross between Ojibway and Yiddish, if you can imagine that, but he never had any trouble being understood," says Carr. The Hudson's Bay Company regarded Jack Leve as "the competition," and many was the time he would regale his family with tales of his exploits in the bush.

"I remember the time he told us about his dealings with Grey Owl, and how one day he had to sober up Grey Owl when he was to receive the key to the city from the mayor of New York. To say our father was a colorful character is an understatement," observed Carr.

Leve was a man of strong opinion. He was, says his son Alexander, "a very domineering man, in every sense of

the word. He did his own thing, and didn't worry about what others thought."

Rabbi Friedberg echoed these sentiments in his eulogy:

"He had his views and opinions — what you saw in him, that's what he was. His word was his bond — no written contract ever — he was his own contract and everyone who did business with him knew that."

One of his passionate beliefs was in the State of Israel, and, claims Carr, if you didn't like Israel, Leve didn't like you. "It was as simple as that."

"My father was very dedicated to the things he believed in . . . and especially to those things Jewish. He insisted that both my brother and I be very involved in the Jewish community. He was the president of the

Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue in Sudbury and was involved in the building of the new synagogue."

All his life Leve was a nature devotee. Until two years before his death he insisted on an annual sojourn to his ice fishing hut.

"God forbid that he should drill a hole in the ice — the Indians didn't use drills, and neither did he."

"One of the most vitally important things in our lives," continued his children, "was that we had to know how to fish. I think he had us out in the birch bark canoes when we were 6 months old," they recall fondly.

Leve was in the process of giving interviews to the Canadian Jewish Congress archives about his life in the north when he died. The story of his life has appeared on TV

Ontario's For the Record.

A man of tremendous strength, both physical and moral, an outstanding athlete, and an unswerving devotee of Israel, Trader Jack Leve will be missed by all who knew him. "Ki yipaked moshavo," said Rabbi Friedberg.

Leve is survived by his wife Sarah, his children Judy and Alex, and six grandchildren.

Large-print typewriter

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The Ontario branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism has recently acquired an unusual new large-print typewriter. It will be used to type prayer books and other material for visually handicapped people in the Jewish community.

Richard Borgersen, the library director of the Jewish Braille Institute of New York, will demonstrate the operating techniques of the large-print typewriter at the League's spring conference on May 2 at the

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation.

At a special workshop, Borgersen will explain to sisterhood representatives and community volunteers the numerous ways this unique typewriter can be used in preparing programs for the visually impaired.

The large-print project will need volunteers to work two to four hours on a weekly or biweekly basis on the production of large-print material.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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Admission is \$1. Children under 12 are free and seniors are free after 3 p.m.

JEWISH FESTIVAL AT LIBRARY

The annual Jewish Festival at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W. runs May 2-7. The opening program on Monday, the 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. is an evening of Avrom Reisin's poetry, writing and song with Jennie Eisenstein, Aaron Fainer and Edith Birnbaum, sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish, Canadian Jewish Congress. On Tuesday, the 3rd, at 7:30, Prof. Irving Abella will talk about his best seller, *None Is Too Many*. On the 4th, also at 7:30, the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir will present a concert of Jewish folk songs.

On Thursday, the 5th, at 7:30, there is a screening of the film *Jewish Canadians*, an historical look at the Jewish community in Canada. And on Saturday, the 7th, at 10:30 a.m. Jerry and Jamie Gray of The Travellers will entertain with songs for children 3 years and over.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

Monday, May 2, is the date of the annual Celebration of Women sponsored by the women's issues committee of United Jewish Peoples Order. The theme of this year's meeting is *Survival*, and the program includes the screening of the Oscar-winning Canadian film *If You Love This Planet*, an address by guest speaker Dr. Frank Sommers, president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and a performance by Batsheva, host of the Jewish program Chai on TV Channel 79. It all takes place at 8 p.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

Everyone is welcome (fathers, husbands, sons too). Admission is \$3.50 and refreshments will be served. For reservations, call 789-5502.

FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Project Connect is starting a self-help group for recent widows and widowers under 60 years of age. If you are interested, contact Cindy Cole at 497-4494.

JF&CS ANNUAL MEETING

The Jewish Family & Child Service annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, at 8

p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Guest speaker Prof. Benjamin Schlesinger of the faculty of social work, University of Toronto, will discuss *The Changing Jewish Family* in the 80s.

SANDY OFFENHEIM AND FAMILY

Sandy Offenheim and Family (Sandy, her husband Harold and their two children Nadine and Stephen) will welcome spring with two concerts on Sunday, May 1. The concerts are a lively 45 minutes of original songs, chants and dances featuring lots of audience participation.

Sponsored by Tikvah Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, the performances are at 1 and 3:30 p.m. at Thornlea High School, 8075 Bayview Ave. (north of Steeles). Admission is \$3.50 per person, with door prizes to be won and records on sale.

For tickets, call 886-1019 in Thornhill; 881-2220 in north Bathurst-Yonge area, or 225-1223 for Leslie-Don Mills.

GALICIANER ASSOCIATION

Members and friends of the Galicianer Association are invited to join in the celebration of Israel's 35th anniversary being held Sunday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St.

Israel consul Haim Divon will accept the association's annual contribution on behalf of the neurological rehabilitation department of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel. There will be musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and wine.

For more information, contact Sylvia Singer at 789-4237 or Golda Kohl at 635-5114.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Jerry Brodey, children's recording artist, is performing at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. Concert is sponsored by the Holy Blossom Temple nursery school. Tickets are \$3 each and may be obtained by calling Sylvia at 789-3291 or you can purchase them at the door.

AT SHAAREI TEFFILAH

Shaaarei Tefillah Congregation's spring session seminar on Contemporary Jewish Issues continues on Tuesday, May 3, with *Divorce — The Problem and the Challenge*, by Rabbi Moshe Stern. Session runs from 8-10 p.m., followed by refreshments.

A SALUTE TO ISRAEL

A correction — The date of A Salute to Israel, the musical tribute to Israel's armed forces featuring Living Flame, should read **Thursday, May 12, at 8 p.m.** at Beth Shalom Synagogue.

GIFT AND CRAFT SALE

On Tuesday, May 3, Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is holding the annual gift and craft sale from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. There will be exhibits and sale of a variety of items such as pottery, jewelry, candles, clothing, handbags, belts, wallets and more. Minimal admission charge.

EVENING OF COOKING

David Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO's second annual Evening of Cooking fund raiser for Youth Aliyah is set for Tuesday, May 3, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue when Esther Schwartz will demonstrate a delicious formal dinner. The \$10-admission includes refreshments. For tickets call 881-4435 or 449-2558.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

You are invited to a spring fashion show on Monday, May 2. Sponsored by the United Synagogue Day School Parents Association in conjunction with the T. Eaton Co., it takes place at 8 p.m. in the Flag Room, 6th floor, Eaton's in the Toronto Eaton Centre. Refreshments will be served. Couvert is \$5.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. They are available by calling Jan Yazer at 881-4664 or Ros Lewis at 783-9673.

ABOUT ILEITIS AND COLITIS

The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis has arranged a general meeting for Wednesday, May 4, at 8 p.m. in the main auditorium of Mount Sinai Hospital. Guest speaker will be Dr. Richard Hunt, head of gastroenterology department, McMaster University. His topic — *New Hope for Sufferers of Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis*.

EVENING OF MUSIC

After a successful concert last spring, the Evening Study Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women is again presenting an Evening of Music on Sunday, May 1, at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre. Featured stars will be Ross Thompson, baritone; Janet Smith, soprano, and Eleanor James, mezzo-soprano, all of the Canadian Opera Company, accompanied by pianist Ruth Morawetz.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. That includes coffee and cake after the concert. Proceeds will go to Council projects both here and in Israel.

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ART SHOW

North York Branson Hospital's current art display features the artistic abilities of the hospital's employees. The art works, in watercolors, pastels, pencil, oil and colored photographs are for sale and are priced from \$30-500. A hobby show will be featured on Thursday, April 28.

The hospital gets a percentage of whatever is sold from the exhibit, which runs until Friday, May 13.

BALLET TO PREMIERE SPHINX

The National Ballet of Canada will present the Canadian premiere of *Sphinx* by Glen Tetley during the company's spring season at O'Keefe Centre. *Sphinx* is a gift from the Build-a-Ballet Fund of the Volunteer Committee of the National Ballet of Canada. It will be performed May 11 through May 15 in a program of contemporary works.

Sphinx is a 1-act ballet based on Jean Cocteau's play, *La Machine Infernale*, involving only three characters — the Sphinx, Oedipus and Anubis, the Egyptian jackal-headed god.

Along with *Sphinx*, the National Ballet will present *Don Juan* and *Collective Symphony*, alternating with *Nataraja*.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT SERVICE

Original poetry, psalms and prayers, as well as quotes from the Talmud and from olim to Israel were woven into a unique Kabbalat Shabbat service at Temple Har Zion on April 22 to honor Israel's 35th anniversary. Rabbi Michael Stroh and Cantor Martin Steinhouse officiated.

Taking part were Judy Benjamin, Jerry Szajman, Sim Greene, Ellen Meles, Bonnie Havelock, Ian Kalushner, Miriam Kalushner, Archie Rotenberg, Ian Ser and Zena Havelock.

The sermon was a recreation of an address by Theodor Herzl.

Highlight of the service was the Zionist pledge, based on the biblical psalm, taken by all present, and the conclusion of the service with the Israel national anthem, *Hatikvah*.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is the May schedule of special activities at Hamilton's Shalom Village:

Tuesday, May 3, at 2 p.m. — a visit by students of George Allen School with entertainment by tap dancers, a choir and other

special numbers.

Wednesday, May 4, and May 25, at 1:30 p.m. — religious discussion group with Gloria Silverman.

Sunday, May 8, at 12 noon — Mother's Day luncheon with special readings by one of the resident's sons, Ed Waldes.

Wednesday, May 1, at 1 p.m. — Multi-cultural series continues with a trip and speaker from another ethnic group.

Thursday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. — dancing, singing by ethnic group continues throughout the evening.

Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. — Simcha Sunday celebrating residents' birthdays. Entertainment will be provided by Sasha Weinstangel String Quartet.

Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. — Let's Talk Money with Leslie Lasky, a board member of Shalom Village and executive with The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Tuesday, May 31, at 7:15 p.m. — Jewish Social Services sponsors the Hamilton Mens Teachers Choir.

Tuesdays, May 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. — Rabbi Eisenstein continues group discussions.

Wednesdays May 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 7 p.m. — Marmie Tisnower continues dancercise program.

Thursday May 5, 19 and 26, at 7 p.m. — Witness to Yesterday looks back into history, with volunteer leader Lori Kovacs.

Sunday, May 22, at 8 p.m. — Gavriel Stransman, editor of Israeli newspaper Maariv, will speak. This is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee.

NCSY UPDATE

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth is forming a weekly tefillah club. The program will include davening, plus breakfast, followed by a program (such as baseball games, movies and trips). It is being held every Sunday morning from 9-12 noon at B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave. Bring a friend, and don't forget your tefillin.

Every Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:30, NCSY holds its weekly free Jewish high school. If you are of high school age and would like to learn about interesting topics and hear the guest speakers, then drop by Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., next Tuesday evening. Come with friends and make some new ones. And yes, refreshments are included.

NCSY will be having a sports day on Sunday, May 8, in Brantford. Events such as potato sack races and 3-legged races are only a couple of the highlights that will be featured. Afterwards a dinner of hot dogs and chips will be served.

Bus leaves Shaarei Tefillah at 11 a.m., returning at about 5:30 p.m. The cost for the day, including dinner and transportation, is \$5.

For information on any of these programs, contact Richard Winkler at 225-0405 or 782-3117.

CONSERVATIVE SISTERHOODS

A reminder that the Ontario Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, spring conference takes place Monday, May 2, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Theme of the conference is *Resolve To Be Involved*. The keynote speaker is Selma Weintraub, national president of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, whose main address will be *The Jewish Future is You*. There will also be a Torah Fund luncheon honoring Fay Tanenbaum.

MOTHER'S DAY FAIR

For a Mother's Day gift that is different, take her and the whole family to Beth Torah's Mother's Day Fair on Sunday, May 8. Browse for Mom's gift at the many booths, sit down and treat her to a light lunch while viewing a continuous fashion show (yes, the fashions will be for sale), get your family picture taken, and even have your fortune told.

And there's lots of fun for the youngsters too!

The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. (Dufferin and Lawrence). Admission is \$1 per person with a \$5 family maximum.

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING

Would you like freedom from the shackles of smoking? This can be yours at the Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking that begins Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at North York Branson Hospital, 555 Finch Ave. W.

The plan is really more than five days. It starts with two introductory sessions May 10 and 12, followed by the actual five days, May 15 through May 19, plus four Tuesday night follow-up meetings. The cost is \$50 with a \$25 refund for those attending three of the follow-up meetings.

For more information, call 633-9420, ext. 201.

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HERE FOR BONDS

Tamar Eshel [right], Labor member of the Knesset and secretary-general of Pioneer Women Na'Amat in Israel, was in Toronto on behalf of State of Israel Bonds and addressed the Women's Division opening meeting held at the home of Sheila Rothman [centre]. With them is the Women's Division chairman, Louise Cornblum.

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YESHIVA U HONOREES

To receive honorary degrees on May 1 from Yeshiva University, the four recipients, [left to right] Mr. Justice Abraham Lieff, Nathan Starr, Premier William Davis and Donald Carr, met at a recent reception in the board room of McDonald's Restaurant hosted by McDonald's president George A. Cohon.



EITZ CHAIM BAKE-IN

Eitz Chaim invited fathers of the students to participate in one session of the home economics course. Learning with their daughters how to bake a cake with instructor Faye Epstein [left] are, from, left to right, Joseph Engel and Chaya; Hy Weinberg and Tema; Dr. Aaron Welsblatt and Tova, and Ted Feldman and Yehudit.

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OKANAGAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Okanagan Jewish community held its second annual communal seder in Kelowna, B.C., with 74 people in attendance. This event was one of the many festive occasions celebrated in the past year by this growing Jewish community which includes the Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton area of British Columbia.

If you would like to contact the Okanagan Jewish community, write to PO Box 1828, Station A, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 8M3.

LUNCHTIME THEATRE

The Solar Stage Lunchtime Theatre is presenting two **Nell Simon** hits. Plaza Suite opens Tuesday, May 3, and California Suite opens Tuesday, May 10, both starring **Paul Kligman** and his sister, **Libby Morris**. Showtime is 12.12 p.m. at the theatre located in First Canadian Place, King and Bay (Bay St. entrance, lower level).

NATURAL FOODS COOKING COURSE

A natural foods kosher cooking course for spring and summer will be given by **Donna Kaplan**, nutritional guidance counselor. Course will concentrate on nutrition, seasonal foods and proper cooking techniques for optimum health or weight loss. Classes are scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 10, 24 and 31 at 6.45 p.m. The cost is \$48.

For registration and further details, contact Donna Kaplan at 449-1392.

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

The Ontario Heart Foundation and the Inn on the Park are celebrating the hotel's 20th anniversary with a birthday party for the community on Sunday, May 1. Join the party at 1 p.m. for a 7,300-balloon release followed by a party in the Land of Oz with the wizard, Dorothy and all her friends, complimentary birthday cake, hot air balloon rides (courtesy of Labatt's) and a hidden treasure auction. There will be an outdoor art exhibit and guided hotel tours.

Admission and parking are free. All proceeds will go to the Ontario Heart Foundation.

POET LAUREATE COMPETITION

Applications are now being accepted for the position of poet laureate for North York. The city's third poet laureate will be responsible for composing poetry to commemorate various civic events and special occasions. This high profile position offers remuneration of \$1 per annum and a mayor's medallion. The term of office begins Sept. 1.

The competition is open to all residents of North York or anyone who works or attends school in North York.

Applicants are asked to send two poems, on any subject, along with name, address and phone number to **Anna Di Ruscio**, director of information services, City of North York, 5100 Yonge St., North York, Ont. Deadline for applications is June 17.

For more information, call North York's public information office at 224-6084.

MANISCHEWITZ SYNAGOGUE

The synagogue located in the B. Manische-

witz Company matzoh bakery in Jersey City, N.J., was recently rededicated. The synagogue, which is used daily for prayer and study by many of the employees, was completely refurbished and a new ark curtain and altar cloths were dedicated.

The ark curtain was rededicated by the Manischewitz family in memory of **Natalie Manischewitz**, wife of the founder of the company. The altar cloths were rededicated by an employee of the company, **Esther Zimmerman**, in memory of her parents and brothers who perished in the Holocaust.

WILMINGTON TINY TOTS

Wilmington Tiny Tots has two summer sessions for the Drop-in (1-1½-year-olds) and the Co-op (2½-4-year-olds) programs. The first session for Drop-in runs July 5-28 from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at a cost of \$12 and for Co-op from July 4-29 from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at a cost of \$20. The second session runs Aug. 2-Sept. 1, and Aug. 3-Sept. 2.

Maximum number of participants is 20 for each program. Parent participation is mandatory. For registration details contact **Jo-Lynn** at 635-1993 or **Sandy** at 635-9294.

Wilmington Tiny Tots is located at 205 Wilmington Ave. (between Sheppard and Finch).

DO YOU HAVE ANY RUMMAGE?

Rummage is the rage! The Toronto Symphony would like your rummage. If you have any items you are no longer using (musical instruments, baby carriage, paintings, winter coats, sports equipment, furs, drapes, chairs, lamps, household items — just to give you an idea) you can donate them to the Toronto Symphony rummage sale taking place May 7. Call 591-1501 and your rummage will be picked up promptly.

AT BETH TZEDEC

The **Moshe Yosef Welsfeld** inaugural memorial lectures, a series of four lectures, will be given by **Prof. Michael F. Stanislawski** of Columbia University this weekend. On Friday, April 29 at 8.30 p.m. the topic will be **Roots — Where Exactly Are We From? A Guide to Eastern European Jewry**. On Saturday at 9 a.m., the subject is **Jewish Life in Eastern Europe: Myth and Reality**, and at 12 noon at the Shabbat study luncheon it will be **Literary Creativity Among Eastern European Jews**.

The Sunday 10 a.m. Men's Club lecture will deal with **Revisionism, Labor Zionism and Bundism: The Clash of Ideologies in Jewish Life and History**.

SUMMER STUDIO 83

Summer Studio 83, a visual arts program organized by the North York Board of Education, will be operating from July 4-29 this year.

Special programs are designed for the 5-7-year-olds. The elementary section offers activities to suit the 8-12-year-olds. Those interested in more serious study and portfolio development can enter the senior courses for ages 13 to adult.

Registration forms are available at your local North York school or library or call Summer Studio 83 at the Visual Centre, Bayview Junior High School at 223-5739.

AT THE JCC

The Jewish Community Centre held its first new member orientation night on Tuesday, April 12. The purpose of this event, held in the Leah Posluns Theatre lobby, was

to welcome new members and inform them of agency programs and facilities at all five JCC branches.

Included in the evening's program were guest speakers, a slide presentation and reception. Among those addressing the group were **Martin Mendelow**, JCC president, who welcomed the new members, **H. Max Swartz**, a JCC past president, who spoke of the early days of the YM-YWHA, and **Sid Brail**, JCC executive director, who talked about present day activities.

A new intensive Dance Production course will be added to the 1983 curriculum of the Koffler Centre of the Arts Summer School of Dance, which will run from July 4-Aug. 12. Concentration will be on the needs of dance students who are considering the fields of musical production and commercial work as a career.

The course includes ballet, jazz, work sessions in voice, line and chorus work, audition procedures, resume writing, understanding the workings of a theatre plant, TV production, studio and portfolio preparation. For information, call the dance office at 636-1880, ext. 237, 261 or 339.

A reminder that the annual student Exhibition II in design, stone sculpture and calligraphy continues at the Koffler Gallery until May 5.

At the Bloor JCC — A lecture and discussion for young adults on the theme, **The Mating Game**, is arranged for Thursday, April 28, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the main lounge, Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Meeting is sponsored by the JCC and the Jewish Family & Child Service. Admission is \$3. For information and/or registration, call 924-6211.

Contract bridge players are welcome to attend the Bloor JCC bridge club on Tuesday evenings from 7-10 in the upper lounge. Admission is free and all levels are wel-

come. . . . Anyone interested in contract bridge on Wednesday afternoons from 12.30-3.30, contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211. . . . A baby-sitting service is offered from 9 a.m.-12 noon Monday to Friday.

SINGLES

A dance for young adults is being held at the Bloor Branch of the Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) on Saturday, April 30, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets are available at both the northern and Bloor branches of the JCC. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door if available. The dance is sponsored by the JCC Bloor and the UJA.

The **JCC Young Adults** (19-25) northern branch group is going to the baseball game on Sunday, May 1 (weather permitting). The cost is the price of the ticket. Meet at 12.30 p.m. in the northern JCC foyer. Carpools can be arranged. Call **Ellyn** at 636-1880, ext. 231 for further information.

The **JCC Singles group** (25-35) is having a games night (cards, board games and Trivial Pursuit) on Sunday, May 1, at 7.30 p.m. in the main lounge of the northern JCC. Look for **Lorne, Sharon** and **Alan**. If you have any questions, call **Larry Goodman** at 636-1880 and leave a message.

Yossie Derman of the Jewish Family & Child Service will be the guest speaker at the **JCC Singles** (35-55) weekly coffee house on Monday, May 2. His topic will be **Sex and Assertiveness**. Meeting takes place at 8 p.m. in Room 203, northern JCC. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. For information, call the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 332 or **Doris** at 636-1687.

On Sunday, May 1, join the **Solelim Singles** (20-45) for a Lag B'Omer picnic in Kleinburg.

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FOR CLEANING UP

Lucile Barker holds her winning trophy for making the most successful contacts during 3-day **United Jewish Appeal** staff cleanup telethon which brought in \$50,000. With her are runners-up **Olga Zelmanovitch** [left] and **Dina Albahary**. **Sid Chelsky**, a member of the UJA campaign cabinet, made the presentation and handed out gift certificates to the three top performers.

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This is traditionally a day to go out in the forest. Bring a picnic lunch. The day also includes a visit to the McMichael Collection of the Group of Seven and the Kortright Centre for Conservation. Meet at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., at 11 a.m. for carpooling. For further details, contact **Jeff** at 783-3019 or **Stan** at 773-0977 or **Jerry** (Sundays only) at 787-4352.

Itineraries for **Rabbi David Cooper's** singles trip to Israel departing July 25 are now available in the Adath Sholom Synagogue office, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., or call the rabbi at 633-1865. The deadline for the \$300 (U.S. funds) deposit is April 30.

The **Selected Singles** (20-40) group is having a dance Sunday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at Adath Sholom Synagogue. There will be lots of prizes. Admission is \$5. For information, call **Danny** at 630-7585.

Are you facing a personal life crisis or feeling that you can't cope and are looking for a supportive caring person to listen? Then call **Project Connect** at 497-4494 or 497-4393 Monday-Thursday from 6-9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

On Tuesday, May 3, the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50** is screening the film *Image Before My Eyes* which is about Eastern European Jewry 1860-1939. The time is 1.15 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and tea will be served. Non-members are charged \$1.

The **Workmen's Circle Social Club** also meets on Tuesday, May 3, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and discussion of various trips including one to Catskills. Everyone should attend. For more information, you can call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Senior citizens are invited to attend a health fair sponsored by Flemingdon Health Centre, Flemingdon Red Cross and the Flemingdon Resource Centre on Tuesday, May 3, from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the resource centre, 29 St. Dennis Dr., Don Mills. Seniors will be offered free health testing and health information plus a nutritious lunch (for \$2) prepared and served by culinary arts students from Overlea Secondary School.

MPP Dennis Timbell will open the fair at 10.30 a.m.

By the way, St. Dennis Dr. is off Don Mills

Rd., south of Eglinton.

At the **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** meeting on Wednesday, May 4, **Naomi Bell** will present *From Childhood to Marriage*, Yiddish songs of love and courtship. That's at 1.30 p.m.

Seniors Club of Adath Sholom Synagogue invites you to attend a movie night and open house on Thursday, May 5, at 7.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Coffee and cake will be served. Admission is \$1. For information, call the synagogue office at 635-0131.

At the **Wagman Centre** — On Wednesday, May 4, as part of the Jewish Communities in Distant Countries series, **Judy Feld Carr** will discuss Syrian Jewry — *The Forgotten Hostages of the Middle East*. Lecture takes place from 2-3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

The monthly book review on Thursday, May 5, will feature author **Morley Torgov** reviewing his own book, *The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick*. That's from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the library. Registration is necessary so call **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, ext. 411, or enrol at the Wagman Centre desk.

A reminder about the **Association of Jewish Seniors** 12th annual conference on Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 5, at Beth Tzedec Congregation. Theme of conference is *The Crisis of Aging*. For information, call 635-2860.

Also, don't forget about *An Afternoon of Delights* for semi-retired or retired persons sponsored by the **North-East Jewish Seniors Club** of the NE/JCC. It takes place at The Gibson, 1955 Steeles Ave. (corner Leslie and Steeles) on Wednesday, April 27, from 1.30-4 p.m. Program includes wine and cheese, strolling musician **Bluma**, registration for weekly bridge and fitness sessions, plus a tour of one of Toronto's newest retirement residences. For further information call 889-0813.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

A citizenship course sponsored by the North York Board of Education is being offered at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. It will run on Fridays beginning May 6 through to June 10 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. (a full day). Students should be able to speak English at an intermediate level. Also, please note that you must take the entire course to qualify. Course is limited to 25 persons. Call 225-2112 for registration details.

Duplicate bridge is held every Tuesday evening in the cafeteria. There is a lecture at 7 p.m. followed by the games at 7.30. Director is **Barbara Seagram**. Fee is \$1.50 per person. Everyone is welcome.

The **Soleim Bridge Club** meets each Monday at Adath Sholom Synagogue at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome. Basic bridge knowledge is necessary. For further details, contact **Jerry** (Sundays only) at 787-4352.

A Jewish singles party is planned for Tuesday, May 3, at 8.30 p.m. at the Uptown Room in The Ports, 1145 Yonge St. Admission is \$5.

A spring wine-tasting party and dance is being sponsored by the **After Five** singles group on Friday, May 6, from 8.15 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the University of Toronto faculty club. Wine-tasting with professional wine-taster **Lawrence Mindham** will be followed by coffee, tea and pastry (plus a cash bar). Advance tickets at \$20 are a must. Call 921-3422 or send checks to After Five, PO Box 753, Station A, M5W 1G3.

Total Living Singles [40 +] is having a gala spring dance Saturday, April 30, at 9 p.m. at

the Fischtein Hall, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. There will be a live orchestra, refreshments and prizes. Come and bring your friends. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members.

Stan Glass, community volunteer and travel representative with Kennedy Travel, will lead two 2-week tours to Israel for singles and couples (20-45) departing July 25 and Oct. 3. There will be options for a third week. Cost is from \$1,739.50 (Canadian funds) and it includes round-trip airfare from Toronto, accommodations, touring, transfers, taxes and breakfast. For itinerary and other information contact Mr. Glass at 593-0600 (days) or 773-0977 (evenings).

The Pla-Mates (Cleveland Jewish singles) will be holding the annual Memorial Day weekend event May 27-30. For information, write Pla-Mates, 4106 Bayard Rd., South Euclid, Ohio, 44121.

About People

PUBLICATIONS OF RABBI FELDER

Volume 5 and 6 of the classical commentary *Pri Yeshurun* on the Tanya Rabati have gone

to press in New York City, edited and annotated by **Rabbi Gedalia Felder**. They deal with the laws and lore of Passover, centred on the work of the 13th century Roman scholar Rabenu Yechiel ben Rabenu Yekusiel.

Rabbi Felder explores the sources of Rabenu Yechiel's decisions, which he compares with other teachings.

Rabbi Felder is spiritual leader of Toronto's Shomrai Shaboth-Chevrach Mishna-yoth Congregation. Publication of his works is being overseen by a shul committee co-chaired by **J. Lebovics** and **Gerry Kelman**.

To meet popular demand, earlier works by Rabbi Felder presently out of print will be revised and re-published, including volumes 3 to 5 of *Yesodei Yeshurun*.

CHAIRMAN OF TASK FORCE

Dr. Barney Berris has been named chairman of the newly-established Clinical Neurosciences Task Force set up by the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council. The task force, which also includes neurologist **Dr. Dick Gladstone** and **Gerald Turner**, executive director of Mount Sinai Hospital as members, is to study among other things the existing clinical neuroscience services in Toronto and determine medical resources and facilities required for the provision of projected services.

MAZEL TOV! IT'S A BOY!

A mazel tov to **Rabbi Solomon and Sadie Domb** who became the proud parents of **Yosef Aryeh**, born Monday, April 11, at Mount Sinai Hospital. Yosef is now younger brother to **Miriam Zipporah**.

ISRAEL MUSEUM MEETING

Among the Canadians attending the International Council of the Israel Museum meeting in Jerusalem May 8-11 will be Torontonians **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bick**, **Neville Burston** and **Albert Gelman**.

During the proceedings, on May 9, there will be the opening of a unique exhibit at the museum of 18th century Venetian operatic drawings attributed to the artist **Marco Ricci**. These drawings were loaned to the museum by Mr. Gelman.

The rest of the agenda includes lectures, a festive event at an ancient archeological site, committee meetings on various aspects of the museum and a reception at the home of **Mayor Teddy Kollek**.

RECEPTION FOR ROSH YESHIVAS

A reception for two rosh yeshivas of the Philadelphia Yeshiva, **Rabbis Eli Swel** and **Shmuel Kamenetzki**, will take place Thursday, June 2, at 8 p.m. at the home of **Rabbi Gedalia and Batshiva Felder**.

A LUCKY WINNER

Winner of the **Gert Fink** watercolor, raffled by the Toronto Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, is **Helen Tarasuk**, a secretary with the accounting firm of Resnick, Layton, Witkin and Wise. Her ticket was drawn at a general meeting held recently at Shaarei Shomayim

Synagogue. **Judith Posen**, a senior nurse in the hospital's dialysis department, was the guest speaker.

ART AND ENTERTAINMENT

An exhibition of acrylic paintings by **Ian Leventhal** opens at Cycles Music Bar, 166 Bedford Rd. in Designers Walk, Wednesday, April 27, from 7-9.30 p.m., with the musical accompaniment of vocalist-pianist **Amanda Ambrose**. And if you miss opening night, you can still catch the Toronto artist's exhibit which continues to May 20.

RECEIVE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Among the 11 recipients of awards presented by **Ontario Lieutenant-Governor John Aird** at the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto's annual recognition event on Thursday, April 21, were **Mary Spergel**, president of Branson Hospital Auxiliary and active volunteer for 35 years not only at Branson but also with B'nai B'rith, the Heart Fund and Meals on Wheels, and **Louis Stillman**, one of the mainstays of the volunteer program at Baycrest Centre for 17 years.

RESEARCH GRANT

Dr. Cyril Gryfe, medical director of Baycrest Centre, received a \$16,000 grant from the Canadian Geriatrics Research Society for a project involving "a comparative study of the effects of longterm furosemide and hydrochlorothiazide treatment on magnesium status in elderly subjects." The grant is for the period April, 1983 to May 1984.

TALENT COMPETITION

Amira Acre of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que., is competing in the quarter-finals of the 22nd CBC Radio Talent Competition in Quebec City. Currently studying at the Juilliard School in New York, the 20-year-old pianist began piano lessons at the age of 3 and has been winning awards since she was 5.

If she makes it to the competition semi-finals, Amira will be heard in the piano category in *Mostly Music's* third consecutive broadcast from the semi-finals on Wednesday, April 27, at 10.32 p.m. on CBC Radio and 11.32 a.m. on CBC Stereo.

Young musicians selected for the finals will compete in a live broadcast Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29 at 9 p.m. on CBC Radio and \$28,500 in prizes will be awarded to top pianists, singers and trios at the conclusion.

Amira is the daughter of Steve and Leila Acre of Dollard-des-Ormeaux.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

In York Centre constituency, a young Progressive group, drawn from the Jewish community, is meeting and recruiting new members for the PC riding. The group spokesman is **Steven Schwartz** and if you want to know more about it, you can contact him at 633-5591.

YESHIVA U APPOINTMENT

David Zysman, former national field director of the State of Israel Bond Organization, has been appointed vice-president for development and national campaign director at Yeshiva University.

Mr. Zysman was one of the founders of the Israel Bond Campaign and served with that organization for 32 years. In his new post at the university he will direct all fund raising and development campaigns, including the Century Campaign, a drive to raise \$100 million by the university's centennial in 1986.



FOR WINDSOR UJA

Israel's ambassador to Canada, **Yeshayahu Anug**, addressed the **Women's Division of the Windsor United Jewish Appeal** at a luncheon held at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. Left to right are **Sandra Kellerman**, co-chairman 1983 UJA Women's campaign; **Susana Bernstein**, co-chairman 1983 Women's Division luncheon; **Ambassador Anug**; **Muriel Putterman**, co-chairman Women's Division luncheon, and **Sandi Malowitz**, co-chairman 1983 UJA Women's Division.

COMING SOON

Special 35th year Israel Tourism Issue



Organizations and People



Sidney Liswood [left] receives BGU award, presented by Mel Zwaig.

300 attend dinner in honor of Liswood

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Sidney Liswood, acknowledged by many as the moving force behind the development of Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, was feted here with a dinner marking the establishment of a chair in hospital administration and economics in his name at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel.

In welcoming the approximately 300 well-wishers assembled at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, dinner co-chairman Dr. Gerald Halbert stated that "Sidney Liswood put Mount Sinai in its place as one of the leading hospitals in this country."

After serving for 22 years as Mount Sinai's chief executive officer and seven as president of the hospital's Research Institute, Liswood is credited with introducing numerous innovations incorporated into the total health care system of the city.

It was largely due to his efforts that Mount Sinai, Toronto General Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children and Queen Elizabeth Hospital are linked by a system of underground passageways and co-operative services, designed to increase productivity and decrease waste and duplication of efforts.

He recently returned from an extended stay in Israel where he helped plan the first course in that country to train qualified professionals in health administration — assuring that it will bear not only his name but also the fruits of his many years of experience.

Norman Latowsky, retiring president of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Association of Ben-Gurion University, stated that the "university is facing a unique challenge of fighting the desert and I am delighted to have been involved in the innovations instituted there."

He announced that Ronald Oelbaum has been elected to succeed him.

Dr. Charles Hollenberg, Halbert's co-chairman, explained that health services in Israel are fragmented, ranging from excellent in the major centres to poor in the development towns.

"Before one can have a good system of medical care," he said, "one must have people devoted to planning it, well-trained administrators. We in North America take this for granted, but it's sadly lacking in Israel. It is truly fitting that Sidney Liswood be honored by starting up a program for the development of health administrators."

Guest speaker, Dr. Arnold Naimark, president of the University of Manitoba and a renowned respiratory physiologist, called for "more Sidney Liswoods to act as role models for those involved in the administration of health care." He commended Ben-Gurion University on its progress, calling it "something new and of enormous value blossoming in the desert."

"It is an expression of man's innate desire to know, to learn and proves that anything that's worthwhile can be achieved anywhere if there's the will."

"One of Ben Gurion's most brilliant achievements is its medical school. However, without effective and creative administrators, the best trained service will not be a success. I commend the university and Sidney Liswood for this latest development," said Naimark.

In accepting the accolades and honors heaped on him during the evening, Liswood called it "unreal... I'm a very lucky man."

He singled out for appreciation not only his family and the members of the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, but the board of directors of Mount Sinai who provided him with the freedom to develop his ideals.

Memorial society in B.C.

VANCOUVER —

The Jewish Memorial Society has just been incorporated under the Societies Act of British Columbia.

Its constitution provides that it help arrange for funerals "in accordance with the tenets and practices of the Jewish people."

According to Werner Cohn, president of the new society, the main purpose of the group is to help Jewish people without synagogue affiliation to obtain Jewish funerals at cost.

Asked how the new body would relate to other Jewish institutions that concern themselves with funeral arrangement, Cohn said: "We are most appreciative of the devoted work done by others over the years."

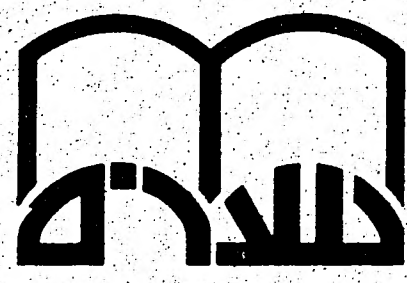
But, he added, there is a need for a new body to co-ordinate efforts of otherwise unaffiliated Jews to obtain funerals at cost and without a means test.

At its first meeting on March 22, the board of directors voted to initiate negotiations with all synagogues in the Lower Mainland in pursuit of the society's objectives.

The board also heard reports of Jewish burial societies in other parts of Canada, in the United States, and in England.

Besides Cohn, board members include Shirley Barnett, David Quastel, Morris Saltzman and Barbara Shumiatcher.

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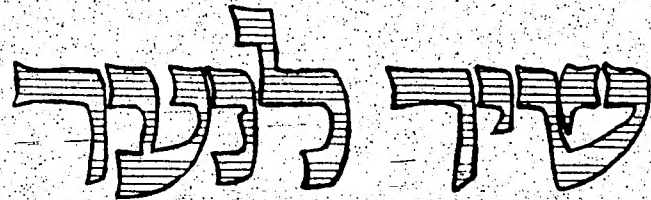
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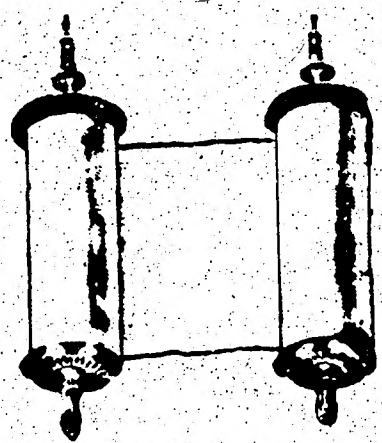
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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

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This Shabbat you celebrate your bar mitzvah. I am afraid that you will be so busy greeting your friends and I will be so distracted figuring how to pay the caterer, that we will forget what a bar mitzvah is all about.

Remember the day, a month ago, when you put on tefillin for the first time? Rabbi David Sapirman walked over, leaned his hands heavily on your shoulders and said: "Get ready! Because soon you will have the yoke of mitzvahs on your shoulders." You smiled — and winced.

That is the real bar mitzvah. Not the presents, or the meal, or even the laining and dvar Torah — it is to know that you have a way in life that will guide your every action.

We are sent to this world for only one purpose: to serve G-d, to do mitzvahs, to study Torah, to help others — nothing else.

Life is a joke. At your age you must think that life is long, long, stretching to that far away continent called . . . old age. Don't believe it. Even if we are granted our full 120 years, it is just a quick, fast trip. We always hope for tomorrow, plan for tomorrow, but before we know it, tomorrows turn into speeding todays, gone, gone, gone!

People destroy their lives running after wealth. How many steaks can a rich man eat? The grandfather whom you were named after had three dollars in his wallet and gave two of them away to the poor — that is rich.

Rich is how many mitzvahs you have, how many kindnesses you perform, how many yetzer-horahs you overcome, how much Torah you will have to show for yourself in the next world.

Always think about G-d. Never forget that He is always there. Watching, recording, hoping. The Ineffable Name should always be before you.

Never be afraid to do what is right. Lag B'Omer is a great celebration, when thousands of Jews dance around the burial grounds of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai. Why, of all our great men, him? Because he was willing to fight for his people, even to the point of having to hide in a cave for 13 years, and through this he reached incredible heights of holiness.

When you do favors, don't expect appreciation. When you do great things, don't expect honor. What you do good, keep to yourself. There is a good G-d, who knows everything, and forgets nothing. Just worry about Him — and nothing else.

Above all, always be happy. Always enjoy every day. Do mitzvahs with ecstasy, study Torah with music in your heart. Make the world a nicer place because you're here and . . . oh yes, don't forget to shine your shoes.

Daddy.

Input of BB visible in walkathon

Annual event—on May 1

TORONTO —

A United Jewish Appeal walkathon without the visible presence and considerable input of B'nai B'rith, would be . . . well, unthinkable.

Adi Kolber, a walkathon committee member

whose responsibilities cover all the logistics for the annual event, is a veteran of six UJA walkathons.

Kolber is BB Toronto Regional Council chairman of community volunteer services and vice-

chairman of the CVS Commission of B'nai B'rith International.

Recalling that first hectic experience when he and fellow Upper Canada Lodge members volunteered to man the first checkpoint six years ago, Kolber said it was "difficult, to say the least." But now he relishes the challenge of orchestrating the many components that make up the total logistics for the long day, which he claims, runs more smoothly each year.

The B'nai B'rith-UJA walkathon connection came about several years ago after a number of trial and error experiences with volunteers recruited from the community by UJA staff.

"We'd get a lot of young people signed up a week or two before the walk, and found, all too often, they either didn't show up or left their checkpoints too early," said a UJA spokesman, "and didn't gather up the litter."

"Walkathon is a fun

day . . . but there's a great deal of responsibility involved on the part of volunteers," he added. "Since B'nai B'rith has come on the scene, all these problems have been eliminated."

Kolber, who played a key role in recruiting the 14 B'nai B'rith lodges whose members have so willingly taken on walkathon responsibilities, says they have all acquitted themselves "admirably."

After his initial experience six years ago, Kolber offered to take on the task of planning and overseeing all the details that make up the logistics for the day — arranging for the manning of each checkpoint, making sure there is water available at parks along the route, seeing that free drinks are equitably distributed for thirsty walkers, ensuring that all strategic traffic intersections are efficiently and safely supervised by volunteer marshals backed by police, and seeing to it that the entire route and every

checkpoint is cleaned up before the day's end.

"When I first took over, I wasn't quite sure how to go about it, but I figured if I didn't try I'd never know," Kolber stated. "In five years, we've all learned a lot and now I find it a very gratifying experience."

Other lodges involved in the walkathon on an ongoing basis are: Leonard Mayzel, Aaron Hart, Canyon, Don Mills, Forest Heights, Maccabiah, North York, Sterling, Thornhill, Toronto Freedom, Wilson Heights, Judea and Yorkdale.

A special bonus for walkers in this year's event which starts on Sunday, May 1 from the Bathurst-Sheppard Plaza at 7:30 a.m., is a draw for a round-trip ticket to Israel courtesy of El Al and Corson Travel Service.

To be eligible for the draw, walkers must hand in a minimum of \$50 at the first checkpoint on walkathon day. The winner will be notified at a later date.



Ehud Cohen



Sarit Riv

Israel students on Ontario tour

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

"We love our country," echoed Sarit Riv and Ehud Cohen in unison, "that's the most important thing."

The two Israeli high school students are currently on a 5-week tour of Ontario promoting the State of Israel. The tour is sponsored by the Israeli government, but both claim no political affiliation, saying "our main purpose is to represent Israeli youth."

Delegations of two "student ambassadors" each were sent out all over the world, with 56 going to the U.S., six to Canada, two to Australia and New Zealand, and the rest to Europe.

"We came to deliver the facts, tell about the reality of life in Israel," said Riv, who lives in Kfar Saba. "We came on a public relations tour to tell people we are just like them. Israel is a Western country. We are normal . . . just like you."

The two teen-agers (both are 17) have been traveling around the province, visiting places like Niagara Falls, Kingston and Toronto. Last week they met with Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton. The last week of their tour, in mid-May, will be spent in Ottawa, before the six members of the Canadian delegations gather in Montreal for the flight home to Israel.

"Our tour has been a success, I think. We have broken a lot of

stereotypes Canadian youths had about Israel. Some people asked us if we traveled on camels, others perceived us as a superpower because we were always at war," explained Cohen, a native of Rehovot.

Most of the students they spoke to in high schools here, both agreed, were most interested in questions of a social, as opposed to religious or political nature.

"They wanted to know about the army, and our mandatory duty, about kibbutzim and about the religious people in Jerusalem. Some wanted to know how the education systems compared," said Riv.

Both have found Canada "huge," saying the seminars they attended did not prepare them for the size of a country in which the State of Israel can fit 492 times, with space left over.

The major difference between Canadian and Israeli youth, they agree, is the Israeli youth's deeper involvement with his country.

"For you it is different — Canada is a peaceful country. We must be involved, we must protect ourselves, because it is our country. I can't blame you for your way of thinking," said Riv.

The quality of life in Israel, said Cohen, is much the same as in Canada, in spite of rampant inflation. The standard of living in Israel remains high, he said, because salaries are tied to the rate of inflation and rise accordingly.

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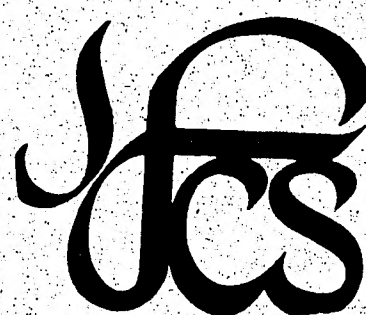
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Organizations and People

School to enter 25th year

CHAT alumni make their mark in community

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

It was during the 1960s and the advent of the hippies that the previous decade's highly-touted concept of family togetherness began to lose its grip on the general population.

Not so at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto where several siblings from one family attending the school is the norm rather than the exception.

This was one of several illuminating facts to come out of a general survey to ascertain the present whereabouts and occupations of CHAT alumni, as the academy is about to enter its 25th year of operation as Toronto's only Hebrew community high school for boys and girls.

The calibre of CHAT students and graduates

has remained consistently high, and as the follow-up clearly indicates, their years at the academy have had a lasting impact, says Gary Diamond, principal of the General Studies program.

"We're a family and the kids stay close even after graduation," Diamond claims. "I have yet to hear anything but gratitude for the skills and values we imparted to them during their Academy years."

Those values, instilled during the 3-year CHAT term (grades 10 to 13), are now paying dividends for the Jewish community as a whole. Aside from the obvious contributions of skill and expertise CHAT graduates bring to their professions — medicine, law, dentistry, engineering, science, business, education, finance — it is the deep commitment

to the continuity of Judaic precepts and tradition which is of lasting benefit to the community.

Getting back to the family aspect, here are a number of examples of CHAT "togetherness." For openers, there's the Jesslin clan, all six of them. Between them — Paul, Aaron, Norman, Elaine, Jerry and Eddie — you can count three physicians, a dentist and two at university.

And the Neuberger trio: Naftali, Yaakov and Judy. Naftali (class of 69) is a New York MD; Yaakov, a rabbi, is furthering his studies with an eye toward becoming a dayan, a judge of the rabbinical court; and Judy Neuberger Sturm is a practicing dentist.

How about the Shainhouse five: Chaim, David, Zev, Batsheva and Jonathan. All but Jonathan, a current CHAT student, are

graduates making their way in the world. Or the Zagdanski brood: Barry, Ian and Felicia, all CHAT alumni, while Debbie graduates this year.

Then there are the Himel brothers — Martin, who can be heard on CBC Radio reporting from Israel where he now lives and works, and Danny who has just completed his course in Judaic studies at York University.

While the majority of CHAT graduates have established themselves professionally, many have moved on to take active roles in Jewish communal life.

Lawyer Barry Naiberg is on the board of directors of Associated Hebrew Schools, as is accountant Brian Lass. Mark Gryfe (class of 75) is a member of the professional staff of Toronto Jewish Congress-United Jewish Appeal, while Jerry Solomon is associated with the Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa.

Moshe Kempinski is involved with the Jewish Family & Child Service, and Tammy Karol (class of 77) maintains her community ties as a staff reporter for The Canadian Jewish News.

Mark Baranek, who intends to make his career in Jewish communal work, will receive his Master's degree from Brandeis University in a special program limited to 24 students worldwide. His brother Lenny is at York University, and sister Marlene

is a grade 10 student at the Academy.

The field of Jewish education holds attraction for a number of Academy alumni. As the first graduate of York University's Judaic studies program, Pearl Brenman (class of 75) led the way. She now teaches at Associated.

Following in her footsteps are Joy Anne Shier, who is a member of the USDS faculty; Shalom Eisenstat who teaches Jewish education in Winnipeg; and Lori Rapp who is also on the teaching staff at Associated. Rachel Turkenicz is presently

enrolled in the Jewish studies curriculum at York.

As for Elliott Diamond, he's come full circle. Once a CHAT student, he is now a teacher there.

According to headmaster Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, some 50 Academy graduates have elected to take advanced studies in Israel, and several have remained as olim.

Jeffrey Lipsitz, a fourth year medical student, spent one summer at the Weizmann Institute and another at Tel Hashomer hospital; and Jonathan Carr, also

a fourth year med student, spent part of last summer at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek hospital.

Others who have taken this path are: Miriam (Rubin) Feldman, brother and sister Michael and Cheryl Schumacher, Sara Sefton Shaw and Ruth Malcha Grossman.

Both Rabbi Pachino and Gary Diamond are proud of their alumni and each is convinced that Community Hebrew Academy graduates will indeed be tomorrow's "movers and shakers" in this Jewish community or any other in which they choose to make their homes.

Groundbreaking ceremony for Alberta's oldest shul

CALGARY —

Congregation House of Jacob, Alberta's oldest synagogue, is preparing to celebrate a ceremonial groundbreaking on its new site on 92nd Ave. SW here on June 5.

Founded in 1909 by Alberta's early Jewish settlers, the pioneer synagogue's present congregation of 100 families, has undertaken a building program to "rebuild Orthodox Jewish life in Calgary."

Building plans encompass a new sanctuary and social hall facilities,

Anti-Jewish slogans

TORONTO —

Vandals last week defaced three buildings in North York with swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans.

Black swastikas and slogans such as "Kill Jews," "Hitler Lives" and "Jews Die" in foot-high letters were painted on the walls of Beth Jacob Synagogue, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and the Wilmington Park Community Centre. All are located at Wilmington Ave. and Overbrook Place, a heavily populated Jewish area.

Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino, the headmaster of CHAT, said that although the incident is "uncomfortable and unpleasant" he felt this may be a "one time spree" by the vandals.

This is the first anti-semitic incident at the school in the four years since it moved to Bathurst Manor.

a modern mikveh, and expanded facilities for the Akiva Academy Day School. This September, the school will service 85 children in nursery school through to grade 3.

On June 5, the synagogue will also hold a testimonial dinner in honor of Micha and Beverly Peled, who will be leaving Calgary on aliya to Israel.

Rabbi P. Hayman says that the Peleds have "become synonymous in Alberta with the presence of Israel itself. He has become a personal example of return to Jewish traditional observance and has taught hundreds of people to love and support Israel. Beverly is a model teacher, and her dedication to Jewish home life has inspired many."

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Notice of Extension of Time to Nominate Delegates-At-Large

According to the By-Laws of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Metropolitan Toronto is entitled to elect 370 delegates-at-large to the forthcoming Plenary Assembly. To date, the maximum number of nominations have not been made. The date for nominations is therefore extended to the earlier of Friday, May 6, 1983 at 12:00 noon or the date that 370 nominations are received.

Any member of the Jewish community in Ontario may nominate up to three delegates, including himself.

Delegates must qualify in accordance with the by-laws of Canadian Jewish Congress. Copies of the by-laws and additional information are available upon request from the undersigned.

Nominations, in writing, are to be forwarded to Berl Nadler, Chairman, Regional Delegates Election Committee, 150 Beverley Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1Y6.

CJC is organizing group travel to and from the Plenary with Via Rail. It will leave Toronto on May 11th at 1:00 p.m. and leave Montreal on May 15th at 3:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to travel at reduced rates with this group, please contact the undersigned.

A meeting of the Regional Council will take place on MONDAY, MAY 30, 1983 at 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Avenue, Sisterhood Hall. A report on the Plenary Assembly and elections for CJC Regional Officers and Executive will take place.

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Organizations and People

Modest about their philanthropy

Katzes supporters of social causes

TORONTO —

Every Friday night, when Hilda Katz was a young girl, she put a "little something" in the pishkah for social causes — such as the old folks' home. Sometimes it was two pennies, sometimes 25 cents. It wasn't much. But it was a must.

For Ben Katz, now a semi-retired builder, it was the same routine.

Recently, Ben and Hilda Katz pledged \$3,000,000 towards the construction of a new Baycrest Hospital. In their honor, the new hospital building will be called the Ben and Hilda Katz Building.

The \$20,000,000 Baycrest Hospital campaign, which opened last month, will increase the number of beds from 154 to 300 and greatly expand outpatient facilities. Groundbreaking is this spring.

Of their philanthropy, Ben and his wife are modest. "Please, don't make a fuss. Just say we are grateful to Baycrest because it was there when we needed it most...."

"Many close family members have passed through Baycrest Hospital and because of this, Baycrest has been an important part of our lives."

Baycrest Centre registered its greatest impact during the 15 years Hilda's mother, Rose Shanfield, was a resident of Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged. After an active life in business, Mrs. Shanfield, whose eyesight was failing, could no longer get by with the help of her daughters. She was admitted to the JHA.

Mrs. Shanfield's life blossomed at the JHA. She found outlets for her still considerable energies on the JHA residents' council and on the welcoming committee. She learned ceramics and joined the reading circle. Remembers Hilda: "She was a dynamo." If she were alive today, she would be working for the hospital.

The Katzes built their lives around love of family, hard work and a respect for the elderly.

Ben, whose mother died when he was 6 years old, was brought up by his grandmother. "Oh, she was bright and what a good business lady she was! She also made sure that he went to cheder and the yeshiva."

In return, Ben gave her his love and the fruits of his enterprise. "Every few weeks I learned a new trade: tailoring, working in my uncle's knitting mill — whatever came along to make a few pennies, I did."

Microcomputer course

TORONTO —

A 5-week workshop on microcomputer programming will begin May 3 at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto on Wilmington.

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Like so many other Polish Jews, he arrived in Canada on a wave of postwar immigration. He unpacked his solitary bag of luggage in Toronto on a Saturday in 1924 and by the next Tuesday, had a job making sweaters for Model Knitting at John and Queen. In no time at all, he was holding down two jobs.

When he finished his day at Model Knitting, he ran to another job in the evenings. In this way, he saved enough money to bring over other members of his family.

In 1929, at his sister's house, he was first introduced to young Hilda Shanfield, whose mother, Rose, had the Shanfield Beauty Shop at Dundas and Spadina. "The shop was a landmark in the Toronto community then," Hilda recalls. "All the Jewish population went there, including the Orthodox women, for whom my mother made sheitels (wigs)."

In October 1931, they married and two years later, fleeing the ravages of the Depression in Toronto, they sought opportunity in the small town of Chesley, Ont., near Owen Sound. They opened a store called Style Ladies Wear.

Recalls Hilda: "It was a battle that first year. I remember... we lived in the apartment over the store and that winter I'll never forget. One night, the temperature fell to 53 degrees below zero. The glass of water beside my bed froze. You ask what hours we worked? Whenever a customer walked in, those were our hours."

They entered zestfully into the life of the community, becoming involved in Oddfellows, Masons, Rebeccas and the Women's Institute. For 14 years, Chesley was their life.

In the immediate post-war period, Ben astutely sensed the time was ripe for a return to Toronto. After a brief stint in his own lingerie manufacturing firm, he became a real estate salesman for Lipton Real Estate.

Although he sold commercial as well as industrial, it didn't take him long to see the potential for residential development. "I got a partner who was an expert in building. His name was Hy Shore — the best, the dearest person in the world and we started to build popular priced homes."

Over the years, the partnership was known under such names as Katz and Shore, Gage

Construction, GKA and Chesley Construction. Together, they built in Rexdale, Scarborough, Toronto, Clarkson and in North York.

They took chances. They were among the first to build east of Kennedy Road, despite the fact it was initially difficult to get mortgage money for an area so removed from the city. They were among the first to build semi-detached homes in Scarborough and the first to go into Mississauga.

By the mid-50s, Katz and Shore were ready for their most ambitious development to date — a huge subdivision in Clarkson they called

Park Royal, because it was modeled on the fashion of English Tudor-style homes.

In lavish style, they brought out the mayor of London, England, to officiate at the opening.

Over five years in the 1950s, the heyday of residential development, ["we were on top of the world"] Katz and Shore built about 1,500 homes.

Today, Ben, 77, and Hilda, 73, married 51 years, enjoy winters in Palm Springs, Calif., from November to April. In Toronto, they live in a comfortable North York apartment within walking distance of the homes of Ben's two sis-

ters and brother and Hilda's sister.

For Ben and Hilda, who have no children, except for beloved nieces and nephews, family ties are central to their lives.

Sometimes, Hilda recalls her own grandmother in the old folks home in Toronto. "All the patients were in one room and on Friday nights, the ladies of the auxiliary would come with cookies and treats."

Stresses Hilda: "Our family always supported and participated in the old folks home. Taking care of our own, taking care of the sick and the elderly — this is what was important to us."

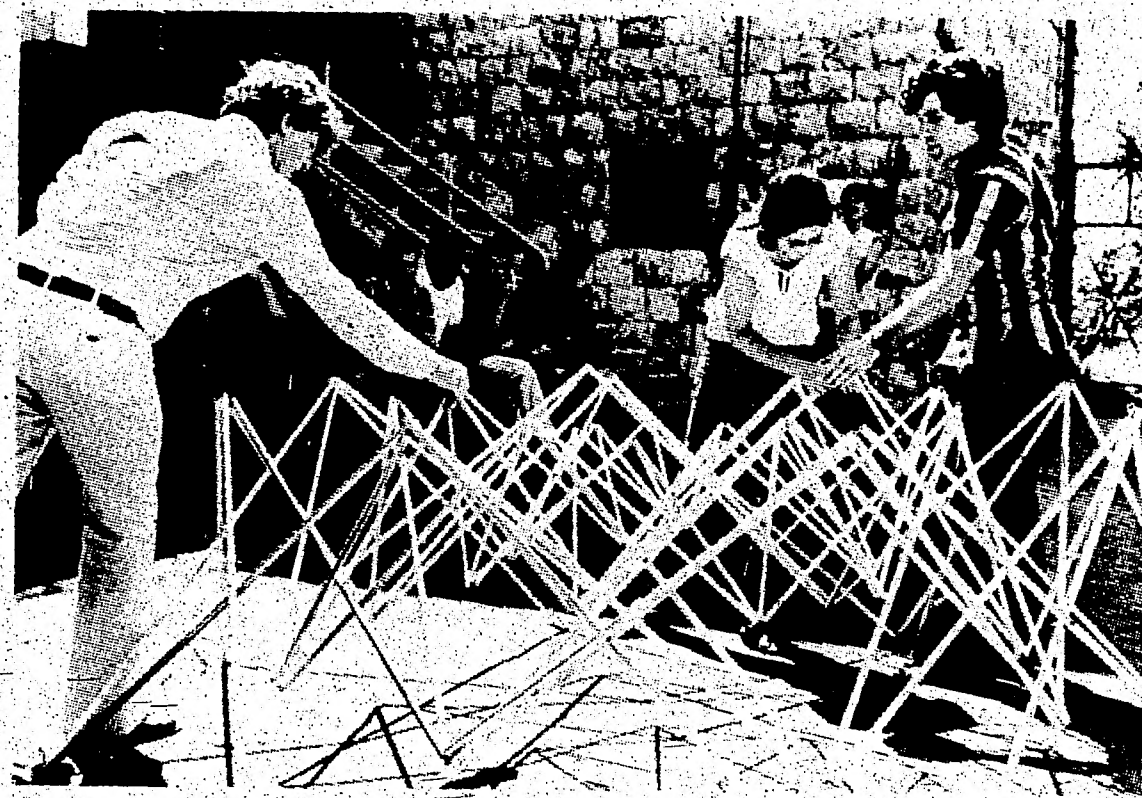
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Organizations and People

During address at Washington gathering

Reporter recalls parents' own Holocaust story

As a son of Holocaust survivors, Washington correspondent Wolf Blitzer delivered an address at the closing event of the recent Holocaust Gathering in Washington. This article is based on his remarks.

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

As thousands of Holocaust survivors and their children gathered in Washington to remember the past, here was one story of the hope and faith that have typified the Jewish struggle for survival through enslavement, dispersion, inquisition, pogroms and, eventually, genocide.

It was Yom Kippur, 1942. Jews had assembled in the small synagogue in the town of Suchedniow in Poland. My mother's grandparents, Yisrael and Faiga Zylberfuden, together with all of her uncles, aunts and cousins, were praying when the Nazis and their Polish collaborators ordered the Jews to come to the train station. Many of the men still wore their oversized prayer shawls.

It was no more coincidence that it was Yom Kippur, the Nazis very often staged such roundups on Jewish holidays, knowing that the Jews were together in the synagogues. It made picking out the Jews a lot easier.

The entire Jewish community was quickly and efficiently transported by cattle car to

Treblinka where they were sent to the crematoria.

My mother was then 20 years old. Together with her parents, younger sister and two brothers, she had four weeks earlier been sent to the forced labor camp at Skarzysko. She never saw her grandparents again. Her parents, David and Chaya Zylber-

fuden, died from typhus at Skarzysko.

She survived the war, together with her sister and brothers.

In the years after the war, Yom Kippur, a day of fasting and prayer, naturally came to have a special meaning for my mother. That was also the case for my father, another survivor of the concentration camps. He

was born in Auschwitz in 1920, when it was still known as a city rather than a death camp. Since he never knew the exact date of his parents' death in the camps, he always recited the traditional kaddish to honor their memory on Yom Kippur.

After the war, they met, fell in love and married. They settled in Buffalo, N.Y., where my older sister and I were raised.

As far back as I can remember, Yom Kippur was always the saddest day of the year. My parents — like most other Jews all over the world — spent the day in the synagogue. There was always much crying, especially during the Yizkor.

But the Yom Kippur of 1976 turned out to be a joyous occasion. My sister, Helena Schwarz, gave birth to a son at Albert Einstein Hospital in New York City. Daniel, now 6 years old, was my parents' first grandson.

"What a nice coincidence," I said that day in 1976 when we learned of Daniel's birth. I was with my parents in the synagogue in Buffalo.

But my parents immediately insisted that it was no coincidence. God, they said, has a strange way of doing things. We humans are often not capable of fully understanding what He has in mind. But what was clear, my parents said, was that Daniel's birth on Yom Kippur was His way of paying my

parents back for the loss of their loved ones during the war.

A nice story, I said to myself, but I remained skeptical — until, that is, the Yom Kippur of 1981.

That was the day I found myself spending 14 hours at George Washington University Hospital in Washington. My wife, Lynn, was in labor. At exactly 3:33 that afternoon, she gave birth to our first child — a daughter named Ilana.

Knowing my parents would still be in the synagogue in Buffalo, I called one of their close friends to break the news. Once again, Yom Kippur became a happy day. The cycle had been completed. Now they had two grandchildren born on Yom Kippur — a boy and a girl.

Was all of that simply one big coincidence?

Statistically, I am told, the odds of two specific events coinciding on the same day, original event are many millions to one. Theoretically, therefore, yes, it could be just a long shot — even if a very long one. Then again, it may not have been.

The survivors (including my parents) and their children who came to Washington for the reunion — just as those who journeyed to Jerusalem two years ago for a similar gathering — will doubtless agree that the Yom Kippur births of Daniel and Ilana were indeed special. That's because they know that their own very survival was also special.

It was not merely luck that managed to enable them to walk away from the Holocaust alive — even if badly battered by the physical and mental ordeal. By very definition, these are strong people who managed to cling to their traditional Jewish hope. It no doubt helped them survive the war and then start all over again. It also helped them reach the point where they could gather in Washington to look back on those painful days and to look ahead with confidence to a better future. It is what has kept the Jewish people alive for 4,000 years.



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Diaspora "a major ally"

TORONTO —

"You, the people of the Diaspora, have been a major ally in maintaining the three pivots of Israel's modern-day independence," Israel consul-general Gideon Saguy told a pre-Yom Ha'atzmaut bat mitzvah audience of nearly 2,000, at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

"The umbilical cord between the State of Israel and the great Jewry of the Diaspora will never be cut," he said.

The three pivots are defence, development and democracy.

He said:

"On Memorial Day, the air raid sirens wail all over Israel and everybody stands to attention remembering those of our youth who sacrificed

their lives in the wars that we had to fight so that Israel may live.

"The burden of the defence costs, 1/3 of the budget of the State of Israel, is only too well known. The Lebanese war and its demands have shown once again why we always have to be prepared and will remain ready and strong as long as it will be necessary."

Jews all over the world take pride in Israel's development, Saguy continued. "Most of you have been to Israel to witness what has been achieved and what you have helped accomplish through the United Jewish Appeal, State of Israel Bonds, and the many organizations to which you belong."

Reminding the audience that Israel was the only democracy in the Middle East, Saguy said:

"Democracy was, is and remains the essence of Jewish life. Even in days of war we have searched our consciences and the commission of inquiry was formed around the Sabra and Shatila incidents. Its findings were made known to the people of Israel, to you and to the nations of the world.

"Show me any other country, even a democracy, where this would have been possible. This is the singularity of Jewish life. This is our constant search. This is what the conscience of the Jew is all about."

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Organizations and People

Says foreign affairs expert

Reports on poisoning of schoolgirls "blood libel"

By
DAVID BALE

TORONTO —

Recent unsubstantiated press reports alleging that Israelis poisoned Arab schoolgirls were called "blood libel" here recently by a foreign affairs expert.

"No one stopped to think how Israel could develop a poison affecting only schoolgirls and nobody else," said Prof. Malcolm Hoenlein. "The media will only go as far as they believe we will tolerate it."

Hoenlein made the remarks as this year's Mayer W. Gasner Memorial lecturer at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Hoenlein is the executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which is the central co-ordinating agency of over 33 major Jewish organizations in Metropolitan New York.

For five years, he served as the founding executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. He is also a professor of international relations at the Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Hoenlein's address was the ninth in an annual lecture series commemorating Mayer W. Gasner, a past president of both Shaarei

Shomayim Synagogue and of the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region.

Among the estimated 175 attending the lecture were Gasner's widow, Goldie, as well as other family members. Also on hand were the leaders of the co-sponsoring organizations: Mizrahi Hapoel Hamizrachi, the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, and Shaarei Shomayim's Rabbi Henry Hoschander, who introduced Hoenlein.

Hoenlein warned against the continuing breakdown of the traditional Jewish family unit, quoted studies that project a mere 40,000 committed Jews in North America by the turn of the century.

Among his other findings: Jewish divorce rate of four out of 10; intermarriage rate in some communities of 60-70%, and Jewish families in New York that are single-person families of 50%.

"We in New York are ten years older on average than the general American (and Canadian) populace. It is a very sad picture. And while assimilation, acculturation and intermarriage take away a significant number, our birthrate is not high enough to replace our losses," he said.

Then there is the "heavy challenge" of young Jews being lost to conversions and cults.

"Thousands of Jews today belong to the more than 2,500 cults in the U.S. . . . and in disproportionate numbers.

Jews make up 40% of some groups.

"And what is it the cults are offering that we have failed to provide? Love, attention, affection, availability, pseudo family, and answers. . . . If young people can't

find it in the Jewish community, they will indeed look elsewhere."

Asked to be more specific about possible solutions to the challenges ahead, Hoenlein summed up what was essentially a plea for in-

dividual and community assertiveness by saying: "The solutions are all there. What I'm saying is the courage isn't there to face up to it. . . . We too easily dump on our rabbis and we dump on our school principals and

say 'It is your responsibility.' It's OUR responsibility."

"We need more Jews," he said. "But we need more Jews who care and who are committed."

Special presentation to be made

More services for disabled sought

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Kathie Schonbuch has combined her career and her voluntary work into a life dedicated to helping the disabled.

As chairperson of the braille and physically disabled committee of the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, Schonbuch is spearheading a move to alter the synagogue to enable those with disabilities to participate in religious, educational and social events.

High on her priority list is the installation of a permanent ramp at the shul. Also, her committee is negotiating with Wintario to help fund a special elevator to accommodate the physically disabled.

Schonbuch will be making a special presentation on "services to the disabled" at the spring

conference of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism on May 2 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Schonbuch, a 42-year-old single parent of a 16-year-old son, says that she is repaying her shul for "giving us the feeling of belonging, of providing a family and community for us when we needed it."

Schonbuch heads up a Braille resource program at Hollywood Public School in North York. The unique Metro program was established in 1977. It prepares blind students from grades 1 to 6 for successful integration into regular classroom programs.

"Previously," says Schonbuch, "students had to leave home to attend the residential school for the blind in Brantford."

The new program permits students to remain with their families during their formative years.

"The school has both sighted and blind students and this gives other students an understanding of blindness."

"At the same time, the blind child develops skills, enabling him to function in the sighted world and to interact realistically with his sighted peers."

Schonbuch, who was raised in New York and received her Master's degree from Hunter College, has taught multi-handicapped children.

She was brought to Toronto by the Toronto Board of Education as a special educator in 1976.

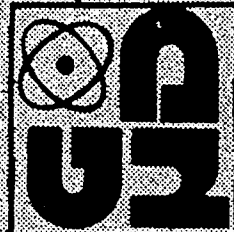
"To help the disabled," she says, "our concern must go beyond the disabled. We must



Kathie Schonbuch works for disabled.

meet the needs of the whole family — parents need support. It is the demands of the parents that get most programs started."

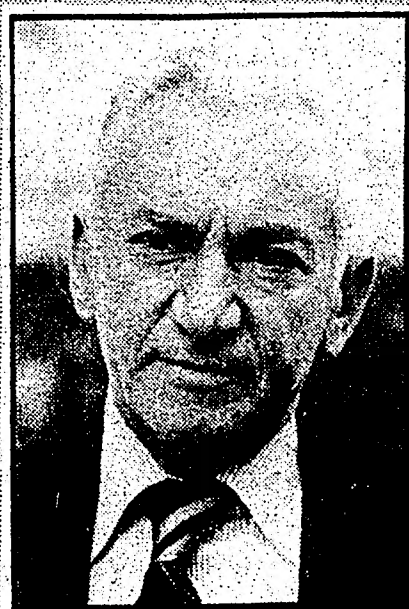
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Organizations and People

ICEJ chairman voices his concern for Israel

TORONTO —

The chairman of the Toronto chapter of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem (ICEJ) met recently with Israeli consul-general Gideon Saguy to express the concern ICEJ has for the State of Israel and its support for the Jewish cause.

"The consulate here in Toronto is now aware of our support for the cause of Israel," said William Finlay.

Recently the ICEJ forwarded a petition signed by over 2,000 ICEJ supporters to Soviet ambassador to Canada Alexander Yakovlev.

The petition urged the Soviets to adhere to the Helsinki Accord and allow Soviet Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel.

The International Christian Embassy was opened in Jerusalem in September, 1980. One of the aims of the embassy is "to represent Christian concern for the Jewish people."

Divorced from both political ideology and denomination affiliation, the embassy aspires to universal appeal, a place "where Christians from all over the world can learn what is taking place in Israel and be

rightly related to the nation."

"We realize that the Christian church is generally passive in its support of Israel," Toronto chapter secretary Don Coote told The CJN, "but (through us) there is a voice being raised."

The Canadian head office of ICEJ is located in Vancouver, and there are offices in Europe, elsewhere in North America and in many African countries. To enquire further about the Toronto chapter, which meets once a month, contact Don Coote, 278-5449.



Falasha children at Ashkelon absorption centre (David Steinberg photo)

Ethiopian absorption centre highlight of UIA mission

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

For David Steinberg, chairman of the 1983 Hamilton UJWF campaign, one of the highlights of his recent trip to Israel was a visit to an absorption centre for Ethiopian Jews at Ashkelon. It brought home vividly "what the whole question of UJA and Keren Hayesod is all about" ... helping the immigration of Jews from all over the world and their settlement in Israel, he said.

There is a common assumption, he added, that when Jews are giving to Israel it is to buy guns or tanks ... but the basic purpose of UIA is aliya. One has to understand and support this, he declared.

It was Steinberg's first visit to Israel and he and his wife Cele were among the 43 participants of a recent UIA

Canada mission.

Another highlight was visiting the Project Renewal areas of Or Yehuda and Kiryat Shemona and what impressed him most, reported Steinberg, "was the sense of accomplishment" among those involved. "Things are really happening. The people themselves are taking part in the reconstruction of their communities and taking a real pride in what's being done."

A prize-winning amateur photographer, Steinberg took some 300 to 400 pictures and a number will be on view at a meeting at Shalom Village when he and other Hamilton participants — campaign vice-chairman Leslie Lasky and his wife Beverley, women's division vice-chairman Pearl Enkin and former Hamilton campaign chairman and B'nai B'rith International vice-president

William Morris — will share their impressions with the community.

Also, some of his Israeli photographs will be included in his first show at the Photographers' Union Gallery on Napier St. next September.

Speakers who addressed the mission, said Steinberg, "were very open" about the current "painfully obvious" conflicts over the war in Lebanon and the situation on the West Bank.

He quoted one speaker as saying that there is a very real possibility of violence in the Jewish community itself if the situation is not resolved.

Witnessing people from Jordan coming over the Allenby Bridge to shop in Israel, Steinberg felt that what the people themselves really want is peace and he was impressed "with the seeming absence of anti-Israeli rhetoric on Jordanian TV — at least

what I saw of it."

The UIA people "really went out of their way to present a balanced view," said Steinberg, and whether one agrees with government policy or not ... "it brought home to me that UIA is primarily concerned with helping to bring people in and to settle them within the green line," he stressed.

Taking advantage of a few extra days in Israel following the conclusion of the mission, the Steinbergs enjoyed wandering about the streets and mingling with the public.

They witnessed a peace demonstration and experienced at first hand the tensions within the country. Yet "in the midst of all this the people seem to be thriving, agriculture seems to be blossoming" and after suffering a prolonged rainy season, "the Negev was very green and hopes for the future are very real."

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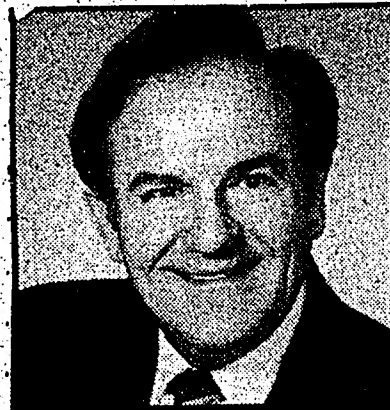
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Organizations and People

New president for Weizmann Institute in Toronto

TORONTO —

Joel Greisman last week was appointed president of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

In Israel this week, he was also officially inducted into the international board of governors of the Weizmann Institute.

In Toronto, Greisman succeeds H. Thomas Beck, who headed the local chapter for three years and was recently elected a national vice-president of the society.



Joel Greisman

An active member of the chapter since his first visit to the Weizmann Institute in 1977, Greis-

man has held top chairmanships for major Weizmann projects.

In 1979, he served as chairman of fund raising for the Foundation in Children's Diseases Research, named in honor of Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey.

Most recently, he was co-chairman of advance gifts for the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research, which will establish a new building complex at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel.

Born and educated in Toronto, Greisman

joined the family importing business, M. I. Greisman & Son, and makes frequent trips to the Orient each year.

He leads an active community life as a board member of the Jewish Community Cen-

tre and Mount Sinai Hospital; the United Jewish Appeal, where he served as associate chairman of top gifts, and as a member of Holy Blossom Temple.

Greisman's plans include "bringing more

young people into the Weizmann family through the Weizmann League; and increasing the lecture series and other educational programs by bringing more Weizmann scientists

from Rehovot to Toronto. In this way, we can expand public awareness of the important scientific research being carried on at the Institute for the benefit of Israel and all of mankind."

Reena to open phase one of camp's sports complex

TORONTO —

Reena, the Toronto organization which helps handicapped children while using the Hebrew word for "joy" as its title, is embarking on another joyful project in May.

Sometime soon it will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate construction of phase one of the Irving Ungerman Sports Complex at Camp Reena in Ontario's Caledon Hills.

Work will begin on an \$800,000 complex that will include a gymnasium, change room, sauna and arts and crafts room.

An indoor-outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts are slated for the future.

The project was discussed by outgoing president Syrma Kochberg



Harvey Adelman

at the organization's recent annual meeting.

The new president, Harvey Adelman, said the success of Reena has been due, principally, to the support of the community. "At present," he said, "we are facing demands that appear to be beyond our scope and ability, but if we follow our pattern of informing

the community of the great needs, and how they may participate, we will meet all our objectives."

The new executive includes Harvey Adelman, president; Alex Eisen, Dr. Larry Lerner, Eleanor London, Cecile Sliwin, vice-presidents; Rhonda Vanek, secretary, and Stephen Bearge, treasurer.

Tap dancing, hora taught at JCC

TORONTO —

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Classes take place at the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst. For more information, call dance office 636-1880, ext. 237, 261 or 339.

Seminar at JCC on social work

TORONTO —

"Three Issues in Social Group Work" is the title of a half-day seminar for professional social workers May 13 at the Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Presentations by Monica Auerbach of Metro Homes for the Aged; Ben Zion Shapiro, associate dean, faculty of social work, University of Toronto, and Margaret Wright, chief so-

cial worker, Ontario Correctional Institute, will be followed by round-table discussion designed to stimulate thinking on the current practice of social group work.

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The New Baycrest Hospital

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When the board of Baycrest gave its go-ahead for a \$20-million capital campaign as the community's share of the new hospital's cost, a small group of Baycrest boosters volunteered to organize and run the campaign.

Since then, the group has grown into a veritable army of canvassers already active in the community on behalf of the new Baycrest Hospital.

The enthusiasm of these canvassers is overwhelming. We are all inspired by the effort and devotion to Baycrest's cause being shown by all of the divisions. As reports indicate, each division is well underway in achieving its goals.

Under the direction of Service Division chairman Murray Biback, deputy chairmen Marvin Geist and Alan Dessau are working overtime to organize their canvasser orientation meeting on April 27, as well as the annual Men's Service Group Fun Run on May 8.

Women's Auxiliary co-chairmen Esther Exton and Helen Marr hosted a campaign brunch at the Exton Residence attended by over 75 women volunteers. As well, the Women's Auxiliary will formally launch its campaign at the annual meeting on May 11.

The Business and Professions Division is maximizing its campaign potential by canvassing each of the groups represented. Under the chairmanship of Richard Cooper and Norman Glowinsky, the Young Businessmen's Group is aiming to completely furnish a full wing of the new hospital. That's approximately 60 beds — an ambitious undertaking for such a young group!

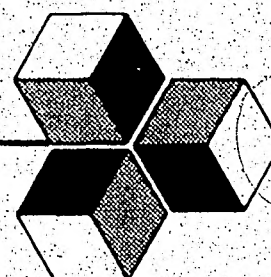
Leading the Ladies Wear Group is veteran canvasser Nat Gold who is already bringing in pledges at a higher level than anticipated. Says Nat, "There is absolutely no substitute for direct donor contact — wherever — the schvitz is as good a place as the office!"

Arnold Shear and Lou Zelfman hosted a cocktail party recently at the Zeifman residence, successfully launching the Furriers' campaign. Murray Swelgman and his co-chairmen, Max Engel and Millard Roth, are set to go in the Film and Entertainment profession. In the Insurance section, Sam Seligman is leading his exceptional team, Murray Sherr, Bunny Bergstein, and Donald Latchman. And representing the Jewellery profession is Harry Binder who is organizing his division to cover its cards.

Syd Loftus, Top Gifts chairman reports that this part of the campaign is in high gear following the successful breakfast held recently to honour North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

Syd reports that as more associate chairmen return from winter holidays, contacts are getting underway. Outstanding canvassers for the hospital campaign during the past few weeks include: Sydney Cooper, Eph Diamond, Nat Gold, Eddie Goodman, Harry Gorman, Harold Gross, Alex Grossman, Syd Loftus, Abe Posluns, Sam Ruth, Lionel Schipper, Norman Schipper, Gerry Shear and Norman White.

In the Corporate Division, the first major gift has been brought in by Eddie Goodman. Deputy chairmen in the Corporate Division now have direct responsibilities for their industries. At the same time, the pacesetter donors are currently being contacted.



To raise funds for aged

Annual Speedy-Baycrest run is set for May 8

TORONTO —

Roland Michener will fire the starting gun for the annual Speedy-Baycrest 10 km Fun Run at 9 a.m. sharp on Sunday, May 8.

The former governor-general of Canada, a dedicated runner himself, will be in a bucket crane 30 feet above the heads of the field, expected to exceed 1,500.

This year's run is the third organized by the Men's Service Group [MSG] of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care to raise funds for the aged. Speedy Muffler King is sponsoring the run.

Proceeds raised by the runners, joggers and walkers will go toward the new Baycrest Hospital, a 300-bed geriatric facility. The \$20 million capital campaign was launched in March by Premier William Davis.

Top fund raiser in the two previous runs was Sam Ruth, president of the Baycrest Centre Foundation, and he's off to a flying start again this year.

Samuel Lunenfeld has pledged a "chai" of \$1,800 at \$100 a km for

the first 9 km; \$600 for the 10th km, and an additional \$300 for a "cool down" km.

Fun Run is a road race, with the distance sanc-

tioned by the Ontario Track and Field Association. The finish line is on the grounds of the centre, and surrounding knolls provide good

vantage points for spectators.

As in former years, there will be two bands to entertain non-runners during the event and

everyone afterwards. Entertainment will keep the children amused, and there will be a variety of foods available for the hungry. Thus the

entire family can take part.

The two previous runs raised a total of \$170,000, and MSG volunteers are hoping to

reach \$100,000 for this run.

For further information telephone the Speedy-Baycrest Fun Run line at 781-8878.

Art by disabled

TORONTO —

Works of art created by artists painting by mouth and by foot will be featured at the 35th annual bazaar of the Toronto Women's ORT [Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training] May 4 at the St. Lawrence Market on Front St. at Jarvis.

The paintings will reflect the organization's campaign to help the handicapped free themselves from charity as well as its motto: "In the skills of work rest the dignity of man and the welfare of nations."

All proceeds of the non-profit bazaar will help further children's education.

A major attraction of the 12-hour bazaar, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., will be a draw with \$1,000 as first prize and a 14-inch color TV set as second prize.

Bargains will be featured in the sale of a variety of goods, including new and "gently used" clothing, books, toys, linens, records, jewelry, cosmetics, handicrafts and home-made cabbage rolls, blintzes and pastry.

A bingo game will be held from 4 p.m. on. Unisex haircuts will be offered at \$6 each.

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600 dignitaries attend opening reception

Spirit of Israel was captured in Showcase 83

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The spirit of Israel Showcase 83 was best caught and expressed by a non-Jew.

He was a 65-year-old Jamaican Black named Rev. Kelly Wright, pastor of the revivalist Church of God on Rustic Rd. And he chanced to be walking in the First Canadian Place shopping plaza, where 28 exhibits of Israeli products, arts and services were on display last week.

The clergyman first paused to accept a Jaffa orange handed out by one of four Showcase hostesses who were modeling Israeli-made Gottex beachwear. He was delighted to find the sample orange so juicy.

He stopped to contemplate a Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit brought here by Brascan Ltd. He thoughtfully read the biblical inscription over it beginning: "Comfort ye, comfort my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her,

that her welfare is accomplished...."

Then he examined with wonderment a film of the Israeli Air Force in action being shown by Boaz Samuel, the bearded, Lubavitcher engineer from Tel Aviv, who distributes Israeli high-tech security products via Canada's Safetech Electronics Inc.

When asked what he thought about the show, Wright said admiringly: "Amazing what that tiny nation has accomplished, in such a short span of time! Despite all the mighty hostile forces massed against her, she's prevailed and become the foremost nation in the Middle East. That little Israel — she's a blessed nation!"

Gideon Saguy, the Israeli consul-general in Toronto, felt it was a flattering response to the week-long Showcase, which was staged for the first time in conjunction with the celebration of Israel's 35th anniversary as a nation.

He was particularly pleased with the turnout of more than 600 dignitaries who attended

the Israeli Independence Day reception on the Monday night opening of the Showcase.

"The cream of Toronto's Jewish community has come," he said, beaming, as he greeted guests at the head of a long receiving line.

His wife, Merl, standing beside him near a magnificent blue-and-white-carnation replica of the Star of David, said: "What a joyful occasion! Everybody who loves Israel, whether Jewish or non-Jewish, has come tonight to help us celebrate."

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The guests obviously enjoyed the sumptuous spread of delicacies prepared by Mickey Firestone's York Catering of Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The kosher items included falafel, humous, gefilte fish, and chatzlim (an eggplant and garlic pate), which were washed down with Sambatyon (Israeli champagne).

Among those attending were John Roberts, federal minister of environment; Roy McMurtry, Ontario attorney-general; David Peterson, Ontario Liberal Opposition leader; Bob Rae, Ontario NDP leader; Toronto mayor Art Eggleton; Beland Honderich, publisher of the Toronto Star; Dov Shilansky, deputy minister of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office, from Israel; and the German, French, Japanese, Korean, and

Icelandic consuls-general of Toronto.

Saguy told The CJN that it took two months to organize the Showcase, which was a joint venture of his own consulate-general office, the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Israel Trade Commission.

A centre of considerable attention was the arts and crafts exhibit of Rachel Gera, a tall, striking blonde sculptress and silversmith from Jaffa. Her silver and topaz works of art ranged in price from \$150 to \$2,000, and included menorahs, candlesticks, and a pure crystal, strongly-wrought design of Jerusalem's Western Wall.

Another popular booth was operated by Chris Holtzheuser, whose Toronto-based import firm of Holtzheuser Brothers Ltd. on Queen Elizabeth Blvd., grosses close to \$3 million annually by distributing Israeli chocolates, biscuits and other confectionery across Canada.

He said his best-sellers are the Elite chocolate bars and chocolate coins made from genuine cocoa, rather than artificial compounds, in Tel Aviv and Nazareth.

Holtzheuser, a Dutch Protestant Torontonion, said he ranks the Elite line with the finest Dutch and Swiss chocolate. He expects his sales to double this year.

"A curious thing is that some Jewish retailers have been reluctant to sell the Elite products," he said. "They felt that Israeli chocolates would only appeal to Jews who would buy them out of a sense of loyalty."

But he has met no such resistance from the supermarket chains.

"The chains are strictly objective," he said. "All they care about is that the price, packaging and quality of the Elite chocolates can stand on

their own merit. They put the Elite products in their regular chocolate bar racks, and believe me, Israeli chocolates compete with the best."

(Full details about the exhibitors and their products will be found in a forthcoming issue of The CJN devoted to Israeli industry.)



Participants at opening included, from left, Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton, Israeli Consul-General Gideon Saguy and his wife Merl, and Dov Shilansky, deputy minister of the Prime Minister's office in Israel. [Ben Lechtman photo]



Modeling Israeli-made Gottex beachwear, Cynthia [left] and Sandra Marquis pose in front of Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Anug hosts
receptionBy
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

Ottawa's diplomatic community turned out in large numbers for a mid-day reception marking Israel's 35th anniversary last week.

More than 40 ambassadors and senior diplomatic personnel from Asian, African, European, Central and South American countries gathered for the traditional "coupe de champagne" at Kinneret, the official residence of Israel's ambassador to Canada, Yeshayahu Anug.

The head of the European Economic Community's (EEC) mission and the papal nuncio were both on hand, despite harsh criticism of Israel from both the EEC and the Vatican in recent months because of the war in Lebanon.

Several prominent evangelical Christian leaders added their names to the ambassador's guest book this year. Alan Lazerte, executive director of the Vancouver-based Canadian Friends of the International Christian Em-

bassy in Jerusalem accompanied the prominent Missouri churchman Dr. David Lewis, the current president of the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel, a coalition of Christian groups with members across the U.S.

Solicitor-General Bob Kaplan, Senator Nathan Nurgitz and Supply and Services Minister Jean-Jacques Blais were among the senior government members evicted in the large crowd which included Chief Justice Bora Laskin, Canadian Labor Congress head Dennis McDermott and external affairs chief of protocol Leopold Amyot.

Anug told a capacity crowd at the Jewish Community Centre's Independence Day celebration the previous evening that Israel faces a "year of hardship... a difficult year."

He struck a sombre note in the proceedings when he warned the community that Israel may soon be embroiled in another conflict as Syrians continue to bring troops and arms into Lebanon.

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Kaufman tells FJWO conference:

*Traditional roles of men, women unchanged*By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Despite the growing awareness and acceptance of the aims of feminism, the male still acts as the patriarchal figure in most families, says Michael Kaufman, freelance broadcaster, publisher and lecturer at Atkinson College and Trent University.

Speaking to more than 200 women at the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations annual Conference of Women held last week at The Wagon Centre, Kaufman said:

"In most families male privilege still exists. Even though many men are sympathetic to the new roles of women, when the crunch comes they will still lay the same trips upon the women of their lives."

The world is very much the way it always was, he continued. When a new baby comes into the picture or a job transfer, it is still the woman who will sacrifice her career for his. "Unequal pay for work reinforces these biases," he said.

Why is wife battering so prevalent 10 years

after the rise of feminism? he asked. "Our society is fundamentally hierarchical and authoritarian. Our economic situation exacerbates job related tensions toward the home... and women and children suffer."

Why is there an increase in world militarization, Israel included? "Because men continue to strive to dominate other men. A black eye in the playground leads to a black planet," declared Kaufman, who suggested that childhood — a time of powerlessness, jealousies, hurt and competitiveness — creates a

male child's first insecurities.

Many men, he added, feel guilty about their oppressiveness and the rising occurrence of acts of rape, child molestation and pornography perpetrated by their species. He said counseling, therapy and men's consciousness-raising groups are positive steps in trying to deal with these hurts.

Addressing the subject of "What the woman thinks of the New Man," Paula Caplan, psychologist and associate professor, department of applied psychology at OISE, said a "new man" is one who responds to the other person's needs.

"Not only does the new man share the responsibility for the family and housework but also regards those things as his responsibility, too," stated Caplan, author of the book *Between Women: Lowering the Barriers*.

Changes come slowly, she conceded, but as long as childrearing and housework are the total domain of the woman, women will continue to be devalued.

"We raise our girls according to how well they can create an attractive environment, attractive food and attractive children. And if something goes wrong, it's mother's fault. Either she's called hysterical, over-emotional and smothering or cold, bitchy and remote."

Women also tend to take on the responsibility of caring for elderly parents and the forming of close relationships, she said. "Women usually turn to their women friends to solve problems... thus the men in their lives never learn to share and grow."

Graham Berman, psychoanalyst on the medical faculties of University of Toronto and the Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis, said every marriage has its crises. Yet, most of our attitudes are based on what life was like with our parents.

"It has all changed yet

all has remained the same. Only now it's permissible for unhappy couples to separate whereas before they were ostracized for it."

Other participants included conference chairmen Elinor Borsook and Claire Kates, and FJWO president Esther Goodbaum.



Panel participants Michael Kaufman [striped sweater], Dr. Paula Caplan and Dr. Graham Berman are flanked by conference co-chairman Claire Kates [left] and Elinor Borsook.

Honors for Danny

TORONTO —

Danny Kaye celebrates the 30 anniversary of his involvement with UNICEF this year, and to honor him many UNICEF offices throughout the world are holding celebrations.

The Toronto office will hold a luncheon in his honor at the Sheraton Centre on May 13. Tickets are \$50 each and are available from Patricia Stark at the UNICEF office, 482-4444.

Premier William Davis will be on hand to honor Kaye and will present

him with a special memorial of his 30 years of service to UNICEF.

Diplomats from many of the countries Kaye has visited as goodwill ambassador will also be present, and will make a group presentation to Kaye of a scroll signed by all the diplomats at the luncheon.

The chairman of the event is Reid Scott, and his co-chairmen are E. Leo Kolber and C. Richard Sharpe. Toronto mayor Art Eggleton and Metro chairman Paul Godfrey will also make a presentation to Kaye.



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For Israel's 35th anniversary

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO holds celebration

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Toronto Hadassah-WIZO celebrated the 35th anniversary of the State of Israel and the 50th of the Youth Aliyah child rescue movement with a luncheon at Beth Tzedec Synagogue that attracted over 400 enthusiastic, dedicated women.

Since its inception in Germany in 1933 in an effort to save Jewish children from the Nazis by bringing them to what was then Palestine, Youth Aliyah has educated close to 300,000 youngsters from 30 countries. Although its

initial efforts were dedicated solely to rescue, the movement evolved to one of absorption of immigrants into the social fabric of Israel and now concentrates on educating the socially disadvantaged.

"In Israel today, there are 270 youth villages, 22 day centres and many kibbutzim and moshavim housing Youth Aliyah wards," Rosalie Flomen, Toronto Youth Aliyah chairperson, told the audience. "Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is a proud partner in the work of Youth Aliyah and is committed to assisting 1,400 boys and girls at six institutions."

"The major reason for

this success story is our belief that every child who comes to Youth Aliyah can be educated and motivated to learn."

Television star Monty Hall presented the keynote address. Obviously delighted by the response of his audience, he regaled them with stories of his mother, the late Rose Halpern, who was prominent on the Hadassah-WIZO speakers' circuit in Western Canada during his youth. He credits her with having instilled in him and his brother Robert, a Toronto lawyer, a dedication to humanitarian causes and love of Israel.

Hall added that the

late Golda Meir once told him "Canadian women are the best Zionists in the world" and astonished him by remembering the names of all the women she met while touring Canada in her fundraising efforts for Israel.

"My work for Jewish causes and Israel is mandatory, an absolute necessity," he told The Canadian Jewish News later. "We can't afford to get tired. We mustn't stop working and must always strive to inspire our children so they will be able to carry on when we pass on."

In welcoming everyone to the luncheon, Pearl Greenbaum, president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, said "35 years ago marked the rebirth of the State of Israel. Today we live with the legacy of that day, when Jews took their fate into their own hands. We are part of the miracle that is Israel."

Adding to the festive atmosphere of the luncheon was the spirited hora danced by many of the women around the hall and the lighting of the candles on the symbolic birthday cake by

those members who have donated \$600-\$1,000 to Youth Aliyah and reached the special donor category of "Imah."

Today, one out of every 20 Israelis is a graduate of a Youth Aliyah program. Much of the emphasis now is being placed on training those young people whose parents have immigrated to Israel but have not successfully integrated. Some of the

youngsters are emotionally disturbed and others have learning problems.

In addition, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO maintains a scholarship program for talented children and adolescents.

To help fund its activities, the organization will hold its first Book Bazaar on May 23 at the St. Lawrence Market. Over 500,000 book, magazines and record will be available for purchase.



Monty Hall is flanked by Hadassah's Pearl Greenbaum [left] and Rosalie Flomen.

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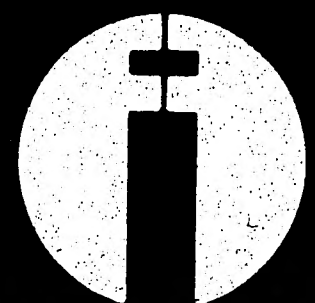
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By
FRANK RASKY

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The posters are immensely varied: Norman Rockwell's hoosier Americana illustrations for the old Saturday Evening Post; the flamboyant birds of paradise painted by Brian Davis; Chagalls and Picassos; Erte's art deco covers for early Vogue magazines; Jean Harlow and Joan Crawford nostalgia publicity photos; rodeo and jazz and Stratford Theatre posters; and the muted contemporary works of Newfoundland artist Christopher Pratt.

Unframed, the posters sell for \$10 to \$45. Framed, they go for \$50 to \$95.

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Tanenbaum says he

can provide all this so inexpensively because he doesn't have to pay high overhead for a downtown art gallery.

He's a personable, 25-year-old art dealer who, in fact, until last December, operated his own gallery on Yorkville Ave. He moved it to his home because, he says, "once you develop a regular clientele and contacts with bona fide art consultants you don't need a downtown location."

For that matter, he continues to operate a Lavrov-Tanenbaum Art Gallery, in partnership with George Lavrov, in Paris. Lavrov, 26, a Russian-born Jewish immigrant, was Tanenbaum's roommate when both were students at Tel Aviv University.

Tanenbaum is the son of Harold Tanenbaum, who died in 1978 at the age of 47, an active tycoon who was vice-president of Toronto's giant York Steel Construction. But Mark Tanenbaum takes a pride in making it on his own in the art field, not as the pampered son of a steel magnate.

A graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate, where he was an outstanding student in art, and of York University, majoring in political science, he worked as a project manager to get financial backing for his Paris art gallery.

"My partner also put up capital for the gallery," he says. "We specialized in non-conformist Russian art, painted by emigre artists living in Paris, virtually

unknown because they couldn't communicate in English with New York and London dealers.

"My partner could speak Russian fluently, and so we got their paintings for sale on consignment at relatively low prices. Times change and now our Paris gallery deals mostly in young French artists."

He shows clients — "by appointment only,"

he stresses — his collection of paintings for sale, which are exhibited in the various rooms of his house in a natural setting.

If his clients want to make money fast, he suggests they buy stocks or bank term notes.

"Art is an investment in joy," he says. "You know you've made a good buy when you look at a work of art and can honestly say, 'It makes me feel wonderful.'"

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LUXURY LIVING

Super-spacious, luxury condos featured

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

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The condos, ranging in size from 960 to 3,000 square feet and in price from \$366,000 to \$699,000, are scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1984.

"Paupers need not apply because we've given the word 'luxury' a new dimension," said Carl Mendelsohn, vice-president of 66 Avenue Road, at last week's opening ceremonies, at which former Governor-General Roland Michener officiated.

Mendelsohn said that "spaciousness with graciousness" was the motto of the project, which had been two

years in the planning.

"Every element has been carefully chosen to be top of its line, from the Sub Zero refrigerators to the marble especially imported from Italy," he said.

Mendelsohn maintains he's not unduly worried about selling them during the recession.

"Our surveys show there'll be a turnaround in the pinched economy this year," he said. "We're aiming at mature people in the upper middle-class market. Their birdlings have flown from the nest. Now they're ready to sell their home and move to a luxury nest in the lifestyle to which they're accustomed."

A major feature of the project, he said, is that residents will be offered serenity in their condos and yet be a two minutes' walk from Toronto's smartest shops, galleries and restaurants.

The first two floors of the buff-brick, 7-storey tower will afford office space. Residents will have a separate entrance on Lowther Ave.

A highly sophisticated security system will be in operation 24 hours a day, and will monitor activities in the lobby and

common areas, as well as provide individual suite alarms for the residents' protection.

A concierge, on duty at all times of the day and night, will greet all visitors to the building and will be able to look after residents' deliveries. His role may include taking residents' telephone messages and replenishing their stock of wood for the wood-burning fireplaces.

A 24-hour valet service will be provided to park both the residents' and visitors' cars in the underground parking area.

Recreational facilities at 66 Avenue Road will include men's and women's saunas, a large whirlpool, well equipped

exercise gym, not to mention a large lounge area with fireplace, wet bar and a dance area, where residents can relax, in peace and quiet or entertain guests.

Solid oak double entry doors lead into the wide hallways of each residence, and herringbone-patterned oak parquet floors will be a standard feature in every suite.

Each suite will be individually climate controlled and the air conditioning and heating units will be adjustable to personal tastes.

Floor-to-ceiling windows will provide views of the surrounding, picturesque residential neighborhood and of the dramatic downtown cityscape.

The sense of spaciousness will be augmented by the 9-foot-high ceilings in the penthouse suites, and the 8½-foot ceilings on the other floors.

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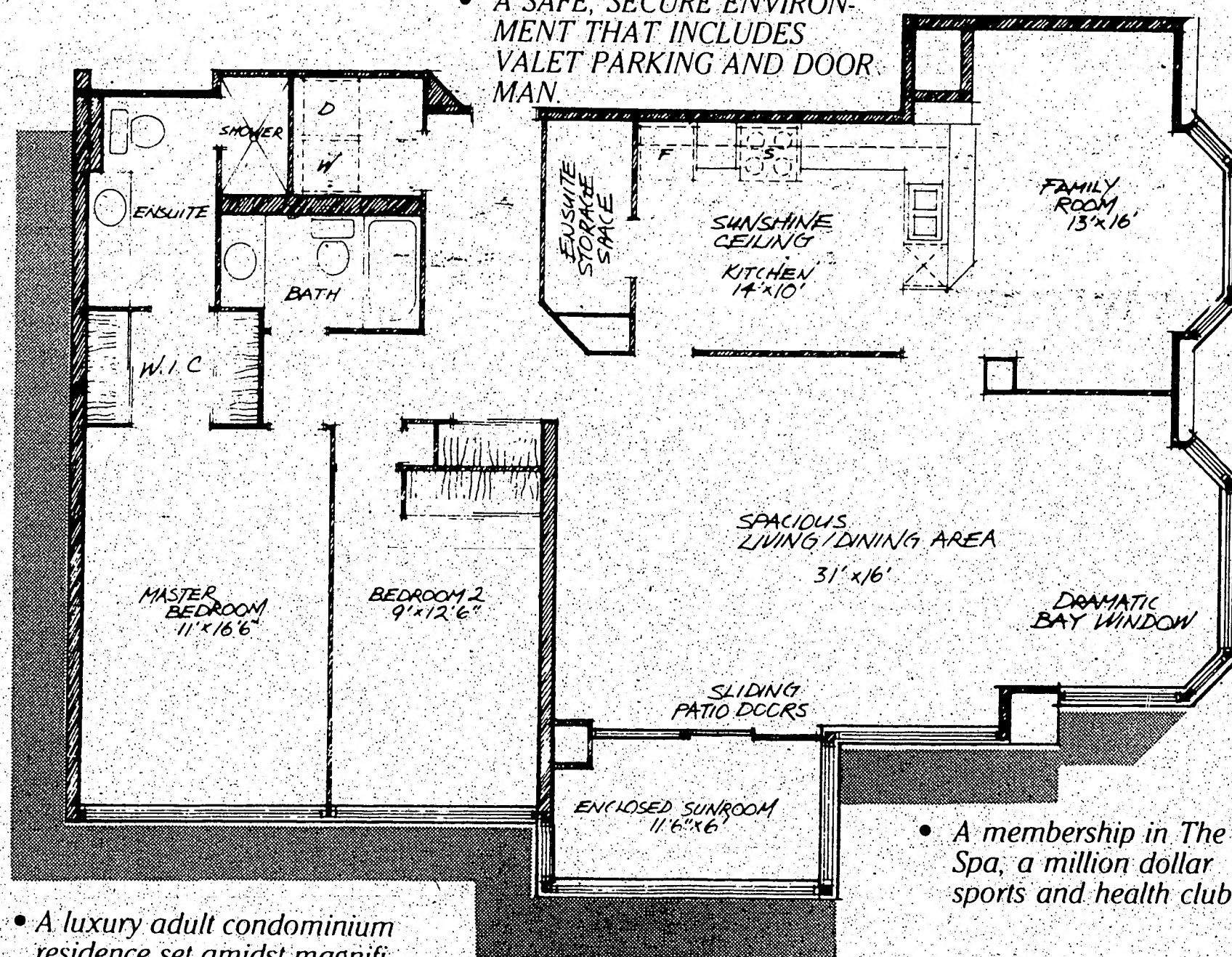
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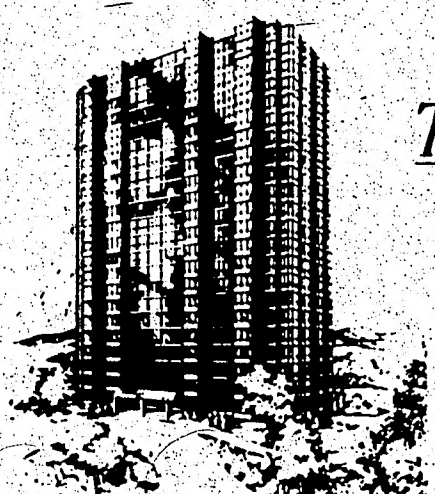
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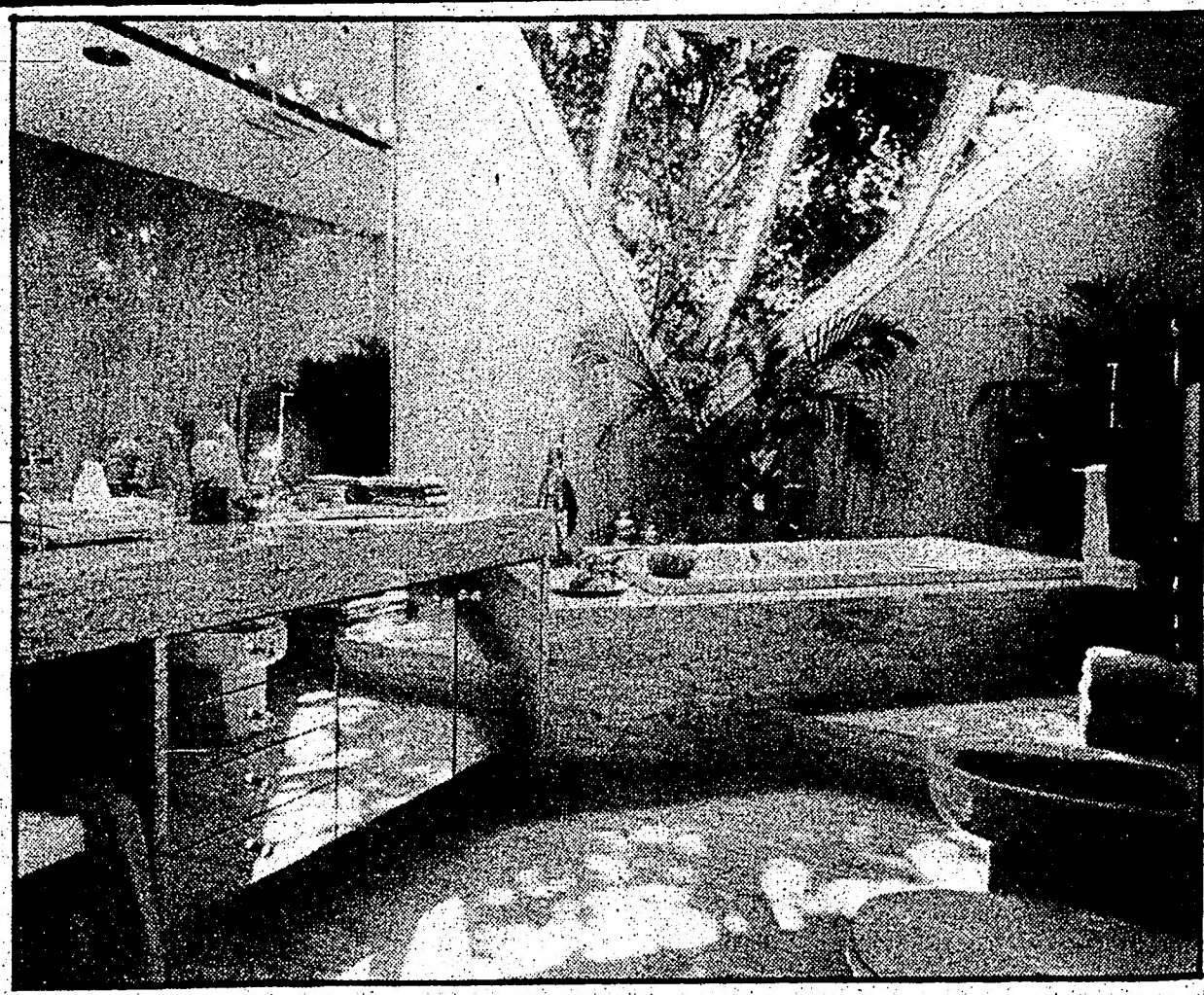
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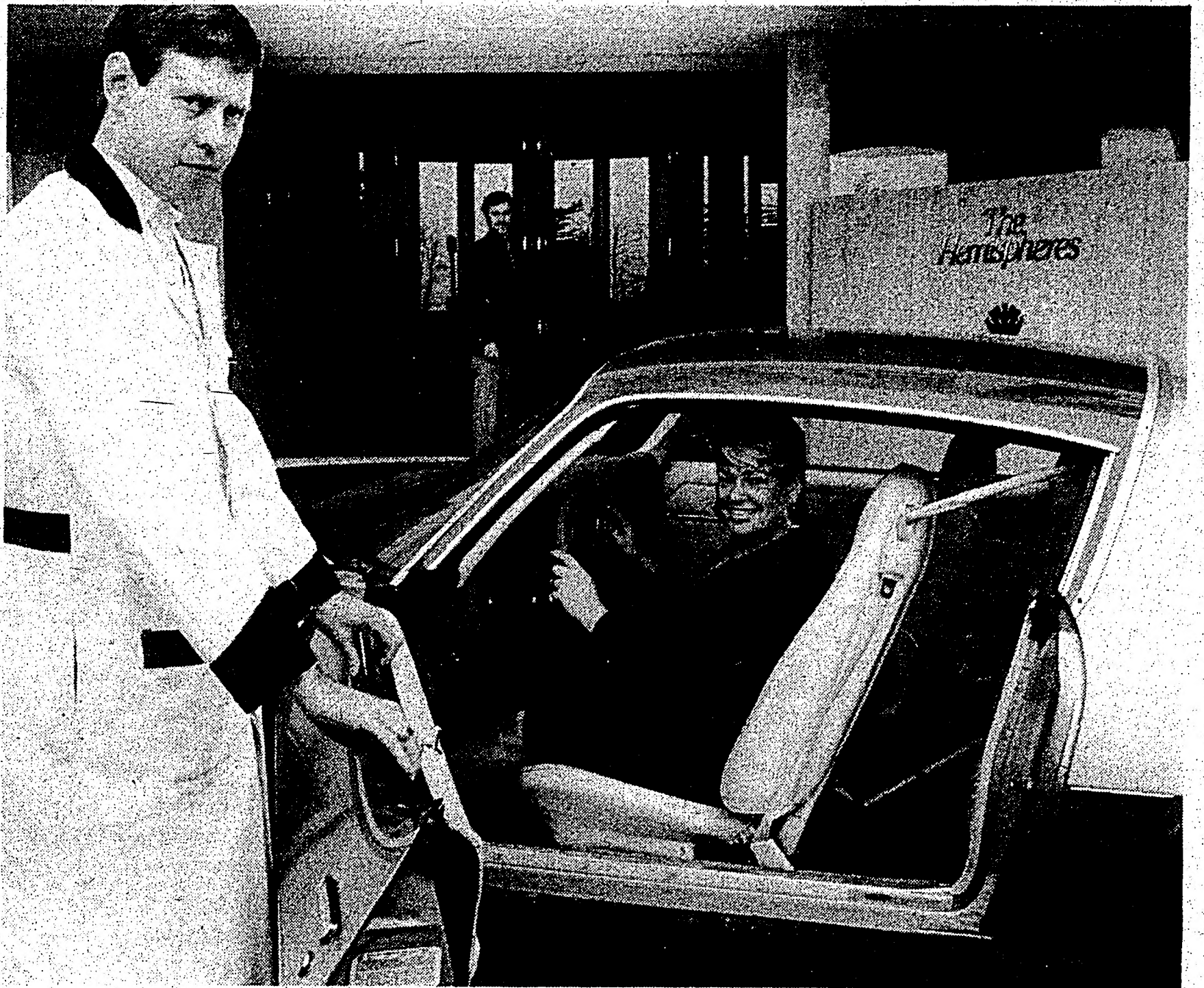
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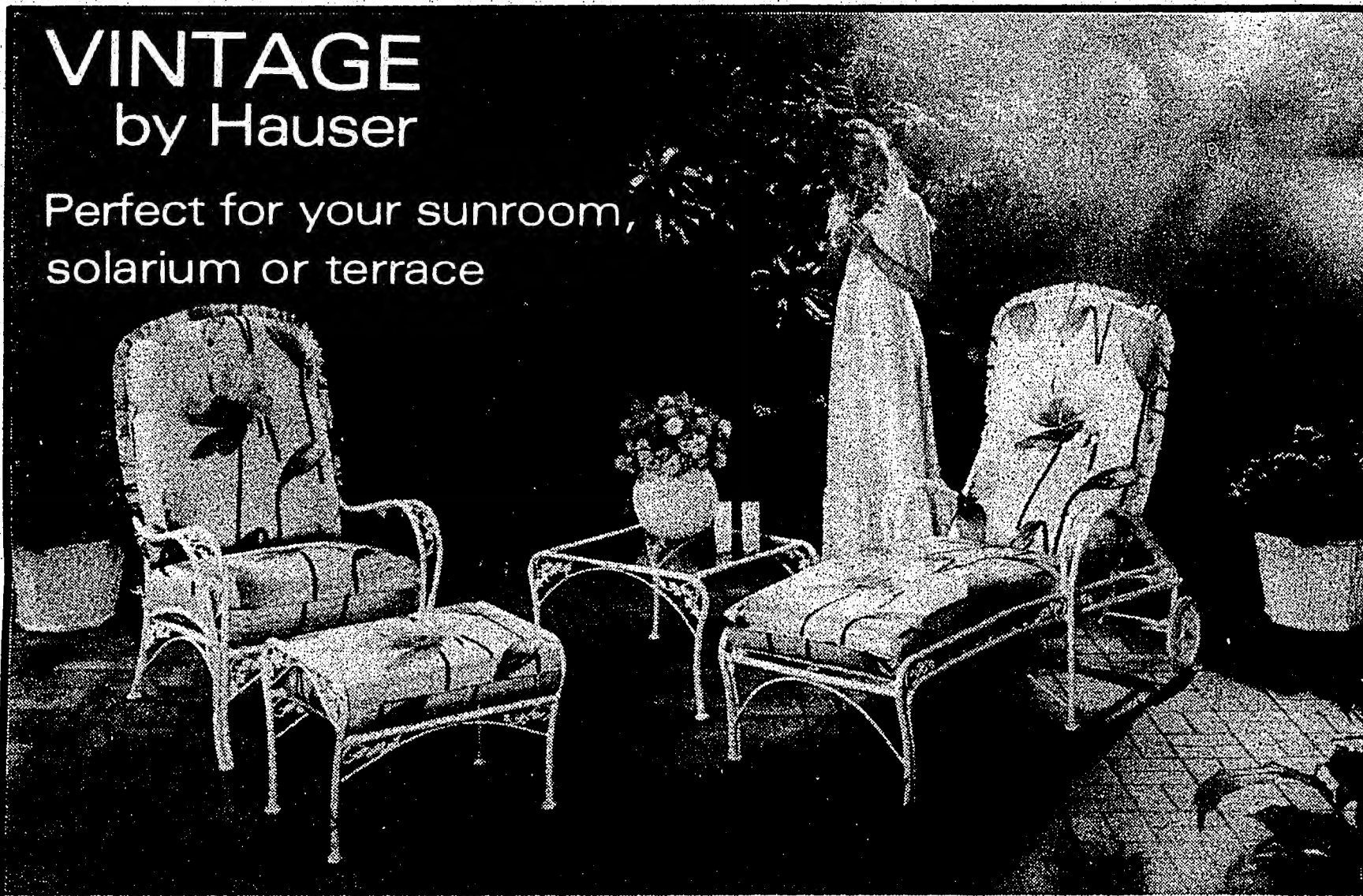
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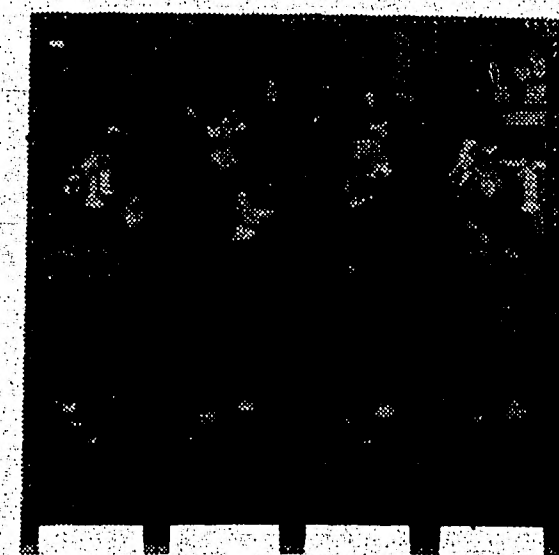
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LUXURY LIVING

Potted dwarf trees are investment, living art

By
HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL —

"We're still amazed when we open the door in the mornings," say business partners Arthur Skolnik and Gerry Rainville. They are referring to the sight of what are among the world's smallest trees, some small enough to sit inside a wall-mounted shadowbox.

They have bark, leaves, gnarled roots; some even bear flowers and fruit. Many look as old as their ancient forbears in the Garden of Eden, the Tree of Knowledge, yet stand no more than 16 inches tall. (They seldom attain a height of more than 48 inches and range all the way down to only one inch.)

For millennia, the tiny titans have been prized by emperors in the Orient; a modern Japanese collector values his trees at \$800,000,000 and annually lavishes \$15,000 in fertilizer alone; one well known occidental enthusiast is comedian Red Skelton whose California yard is filled with the Lilliputian "acreage."

The trees are popularly called "bonsai" (pronounced bone sigh), meaning potted dwarf tree and anyone who devotes themselves to them is considered "bonsai ho" or, literally, a fool for bonsai. Skolnik and Rainville, who work out of their year-old shop, Shikoku Bonsai at 768 St. Paul St. W., are definitely bonsai ho.

Both apprenticed in Kokubunji on the island of Shikoku, Japan — Rainville for two years, Skolnik for two months after studying with Rainville — and now they are introducing city dwellers to a scaled down version of country living.

Many species can be cultivated indoors in a highrise, including the Japanese Trident maple, Kingsville boxwood, olive, Japanese juniper, Japanese holly, Blue Moss cypress and various pines, among others.

The deciduous trees follow the rhythm of the seasons: buds in spring, foliage in summer, colors in autumn and a dramatic outline of bare branches in winter.

In fact, a bonsai tree replaced in the wild will grow to normal height, illustrating that they are not genetic dwarfs but trained by human intervention.

"It's not just a tree in a pot," points out Skolnik. "It must have character and invoke from the viewer a feeling that it is

a slice of nature in the miniature. It should remind you of a tree in your past." Above all, the bonsai must meet the criteria of nature rather than appear deformed or disproportionate.

Several styles have been developed to personify each natural situation: slanting in its "search for sunlight," in cascade posture where the tree bends downward and past its base as though it was growing off a precipice and out of shadow; windswept with branches extending in the same direction; one even can be coaxed to grip a rock between its roots or sprout from a crevice in a porous volcanic rock, giving the impression that it has survived against all odds.

The partners also point out a miniature forest: five evergreens planted in group formation, the largest set closest to the viewer to suggest perspective. "Different shades of moss are important in this kind of arrangement with dark moss under the trees and pale moss on the paths between them, creating "sunny" and "shady" areas, they explain.

How is a tree dwarfed? By extensive pruning of branches and root systems, placement in rocky, shallow soil confined to a small container and, for some species, leaf stripping, done to remove large leaves and trigger the growth of small replacements. An appearance of great age is vital to the bonsai esthetic.

To this end, the trunk (referred to as the soul of the tree) must taper toward the top, an effect achieved by pruning above a chosen side branch which is then pulled and wired in position to emulate a new treetop. Other branches are also spiralled with 8- to 22-gauge annealed copper wire to train them into the aforementioned styles.

It takes three generations to start a bonsai farm in Japan and 40 years to be a master grower. Since childhood, 25-year-old Rainville always knew he'd work in the horticultural field and began his work with bonsai as an exchange student in Japan.

But 29-year-old Skolnik came to the trees after a life-shattering trauma. The Montrealer took travel time off before entering Concordia University after biology studies at the University of Waterloo. In 1975, his name was splashed all over the daily papers as one of the four victims of

a madman who entered a Vancouver youth hostel and began blasting away with an M-1 rifle. Skolnik's hip was shattered within millimetres of his main artery. He was bedridden for five months but now is able to walk with a cane.

The former athlete who was on the national water-polo team now directs his attention to the beauty of life and art through bonsai. "These trees bounce back under a difficult situation," says Skolnik whose amazing recovery proves his own resiliency.

The trees in the shop's Japanese-style showroom, potting room and summer yard nursery are imported and continue to be trained by the partners; others are being formed from seedlings and cuttings. Trees are generally priced from \$30 to \$150 with the most costly at \$1,200. A single perfect specimen has been known to sell in the millions in Japan.

A bonsai is an investment since, according to the partners, it is living art that physically appreciates with age, unlike other works of art which are complete

when the painter or sculptor puts down his brush or chisel. They whimsically refer to the combination of art and science as "hortisculpture."

For Mother's Day, a bonsai makes a gift that will outlive a bunch of roses by literally hun-

dreds of years and becomes a family heirloom. Rainville and Skolnik provide a year's free maintenance during which you will learn to prune and wire the tree yourself on an ongoing basis to continue its refinement.

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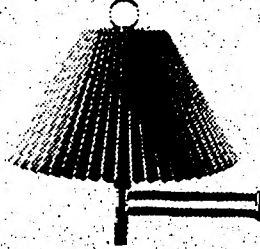
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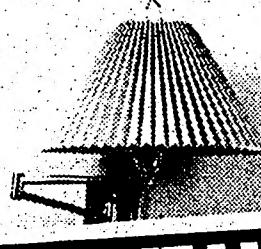
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The partners also design Japanese gardens, the concept of which evolved in the small island country where much must be made of little space.

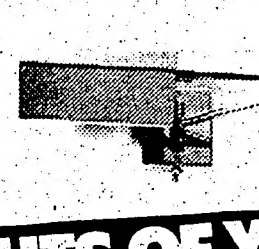
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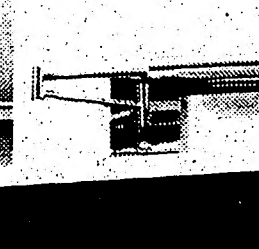
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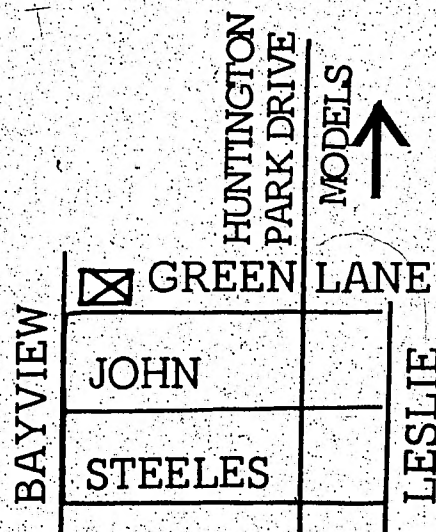
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Israeli cop debunks ideas about her police work

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you're an Israeli policewoman, your most difficult job has nothing to do with arresting PLO bombers. New York, after all, is far more violent than Tel Aviv.

What's really troublesome is having to cope with a parade of crackpots who converge on Jerusalem proclaiming themselves the new messiah.

"They're all peaceful, concerned only with 'spreading the true light,' but they can be terrible pests," police

captain Gloria Eisenman was saying here last week.

The 37-year-old Israeli policewoman was in Toronto to attend Israel Showcase 83 in First Canadian Place. An attractive, 5-foot-9, auburn-haired former lawyer, who calls herself "a gentle persuader rather than a muscle-bound cop," she charmed newsmen with her amiable wit.

As a public relations stunt, she borrowed a pair of white gloves from Metro police inspector Jean Boyd, and blowing her own police whistle, posed for press photog-

raphers directing traffic at King St. and Bay.

"I hate to admit it, but, oy vay, what a difference in traffic courtesy!" she said. "You Torontonians are all so wonderfully polite. If I were directing the same traffic back in downtown Tel Aviv, I'd be hassled by excited drivers and a constant symphony of honking horns."

Later she changed from her navy blue uniform with the Star of David badge on the cap, and appeared at the Israeli Independence Day campaign party looking sveltely elegant in a beige gown.

"A cop can be feminine, too," said Eisenman, who is married to a Tel Aviv lawyer named Gadi and is the mother of two daughters, Limor, 14, and Shirley, 10.

She likes debunking some of the cliched popular misconceptions held about police officers.

"In Israel, we get all the junky TV series about cops, like Kojak, and they make me laugh," she said. "No way you can solve a crime in an hour. And it's not the glamorous life you see on the screen. They omit the

hours of tedious leg work we put in."

She is likewise skeptical about the violence presented on the fictional TV shows.

"I know from my own experience that the impression created by the media about Israel is distorted," she says. "We don't have bombs being exploded on every second street. New York is a lot more dangerous any day than any Israeli city."

She herself has never fired a gun as a police officer. And she says, with a laugh, that during her two years in the Israeli army, "I never hit a single bullseye in rifle practice."

In her present \$1,000-a-month police job, she is attached to a special division that deals with problems involving the foreign diplomatic corps.

Recently, she was assigned the task of handling an English-speaking foreigner with messianic delusions.

"When arrested, he claimed to be God's



Policewoman Gloria Eisenman does a little work while in Toronto.

divine messenger to Israel and wouldn't reveal where he came from," she says. "He wasn't dangerous. But he was a nuisance. All he'd say about himself was that he was on a mission carrying out God's will."

She appealed to the various English-speaking embassies to try to identify him.

"It finally turned out he was an American," she says. "The U.S.

embassy issued him a passport. We paid his El Al passage home."

Did he put up a fuss at being evicted from the Holy Land?

"Not at all," she says. "I have this funny memory of him at the Ben-Gurion Airport. The last I saw of the extremist, he was wearing a goofy grin and saying, 'It's God's will that I go back to the States and save America.'"

Our political modes are moving from Utopian ideal: Kristol

MONTREAL —

You can't change the world — so accept things as they are and act accordingly.

That, says American Jewish writer Irving Kristol, is the essence of the modern Jewish political thought reorientation we are now beginning to witness. It is an approach finding its greatest expression today in Israel.

"For two centuries, all modern political thinking has been Utopian, believing that all problems have solutions," the New York University professor of social thought said here recently. "It has brought a blurring of the distinction between idealism and reality, with Jews in the forefront of this self-induced deception."

"The ideals of Zionist pioneers had a lot of Utopianism in them," he continues. "But the fact that Israel exists today, able to defeat the Arabs in war, results not from the pioneers, but from those who built the army and the air force."

Speaking at the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem synagogue, Kristol argued that Jewish political thought is now moving away from the left, where it has been since the days of the French Revolution, towards a more pronounced expression of conservatism.

He said it was natural that Jews, after the Enlightenment, should have gravitated towards socialist movements because through them they gained political rights and liberations from the ghettos.

But in the long run, those societies — anti-religious by nature — proved inadequate as a safeguard for Jews. It has been in capitalist soci-

eties, with their traditions of pluralism and free market economies, that Jews have flourished, he said.

Considered to be one of America's leading intellectuals, Kristol maintained that in today's world, there is no point in holding values inconsistent with the fundamental structures of reality.

"Impossible dreams belong in religion, not in politics. The notion of creating a just community on this earth is a blasphemy," he declared.

Pointing to the Middle East, he said the reality of a Jewish or a Christian state among Arab nations is a continued fight for survival. Israel will continue to be an armed camp, not because it has a political problem, but a condition with which it must cope.

The question of the West Bank and the search for peace are two of Israel's greatest con-

cerns, he added, but the reality is that there is no solution. Many Israelis don't like to confront the idea, but when it comes down to the crunch, they react as they should.

"As long as you survive, and as long as you have your society, you accept it, because it's the reality. You may not like it, but that's the way the world is."

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National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs convention told:

Fighting anti-semitism each person's responsibility

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Each individual should tackle anti-semitism head on and not wait for a national Jewish organization to deal with the situation, says Washington lawyer Jacob Lish.

Lish, president of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, recommended that each synagogue brotherhood

have one or more persons responsible for keeping an eye on the media to avoid anti-semitic statements in print or on the air.

He told the Great Lakes Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs at its 54th annual spring convention here last week that radio stations should be urged to carry the External Light program. Produced by the Jewish Theological Sem-

inary, "it educates North Americans about Judaism."

Lish, a member of the board of overseers of the seminary and on the board of directors of the United Synagogue of America and the World Council of Synagogues, said television should also be monitored for dialogue offensive to Jews.

He reported that members of the Jewish community in Cleveland threatened to boycott a local station unless it apologized for airing an Archie Bunker program with anti-semitic overtones. The station eventually did apologize.

Anti-semitism in North America was chosen as the theme of this year's Great Lakes Region gathering because of the perceived anti-semitism in the media following the Lebanon war, George Glass, publicity chairman of the convention told The Canadian Jewish News.

The convention attracted an attendance of over 400. It was co-sponsored locally by the men's clubs of Adath Israel Congregation, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, Beth Tikvah Congregation and Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Election of officers of the Great Lakes Region and the convention's plenary session were held at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.



Jacob Lish

Allen W. Brown of Rochester, NY, was re-installed for a 1-year term as president and Albert Fishman of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was re-installed as executive vice-president.

Vice-presidents are Kenneth Bravo of South Euclid, Ohio; Dennis Colt of Downsview; Ed Goldberg of Jamesville, NY; Dr. Harvey Nussbaum of Farmington Hills, Mich.; Sheldon Satovsky of Southfield, Mich.; and Irving Weintraub of Rochester, NY.

The Federation includes some 30 men's clubs from Toronto, London, St. Catharines, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Detroit, Cleveland and Cincinnati and other communities in Ohio and Michigan. It is affiliated in the Conservative movement with United Synagogues of America, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and The World Council of Synagogues.

Irving Abella, co-author of the book None

Is Too Many, opened the convention with a lecture on anti-semitism in North America during World War II.

Shira Bessin of the Canada-Israel Committee spoke on current problems in the Middle East and how they have influenced anti-semitism in North America.

A panel discussion following Bessin's address outlined future programs by men's clubs to meet the challenges of

anti-semitism in Canada and the United States. Panelists included Jacob Lish and Margo Grosbein, Ontario Region president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

At the convention, members pledged to continue their Hebrew literacy program through which synagogue brotherhoods teach congregants how to read Hebrew.

As well, they called for the expansion of their

"Ometz" program for students. The program, in operation for three years, brings members to universities in North America where there is a small but unorganized Jewish community.

Members hold religious services on Sabbath and on Jewish holidays for the students and have discussions on topics such as assimilation.

Last year an Ometz program was held at the University of Guelph.

Crowd wowed at CZF bash

By
STACEY GREENMAN

TORONTO — The whole crowd was wowed.

Younger members of the overflow audience at the recent Canadian Zionist Federation's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations here sang, clapped and cheered along with Israeli pop singer Shlomo Artzi.

Others delighted in the passionate statements of support for the State of Israel by federal and provincial representatives.

Applause engulfed all elements of the audience simultaneously when Artzi, whose hour-long performance was completely in Hebrew, chose a volunteer from among the various Zionist youth group members to come up on stage and take the lead part in a popular song.

The event, preceded by a memorial service for the Israeli war dead since 1948, was held at the Shaarei Shomayim synagogue.

The evening began with greetings from Environment Minister John Roberts on behalf of the government of Canada.

MPP David Rotenberg, extending greetings "on behalf of the eight million people in Ontario," spoke up against President Reagan's peace plan and Arab hostility against Israel.

"Israel must remain strong... Israel cannot make concessions," Rotenberg said. "We as Jews and non-Jews must stand behind the government of Israel, whoever that government may be."

A plea for young people to make aliya was voiced by the Israeli consul-general in Toronto, Gideon Saguy, as he introduced a representative local family which is planning to move to Israel soon.

The celebration then began in earnest as Shlomo Artzi took the stage to the cheers of the audience, including a large number of Israelis currently residing in Toronto. Many youngsters

sat around the stage and seemed to know most of the songs by heart.

Artzi conducted a number of sing-a-longs and at one point invited a boy up on the stage to sing one of Israel's most beloved folk songs, Al Kol Ela. It was written by Naomi Shemer, famous for her Jerusalem of Gold.

Artzi, who has performed both in the United States and Europe, but never before in Canada, said in an interview after his show that a concert outside of Israel is always the same.

"I can't understand the spirit of people who live outside but I can understand the spirit that they share with us; I can get from the audience that they feel something although they are far away," he said.

When asked if he tried to say anything to his Diaspora audiences through his songs, Artzi replied: "I'm a musician, not an aliya shallach, although music can sometimes say more than a lot of speeches."

A Yom Hazikaron (remembrance) service was conducted at the Shaarei Shomayim before the concert. John Roberts on behalf of the government of Canada and Roy McMurry representing the Ontario government were in attendance.

A candlelighting ceremony by four Zionist youth movements — B'nei Akiva, Canadian Young Judaea, Dror Habonim and Hashomer Hatzair — was held during the service, led by the congregation's Rabbi Henry Hoschander.

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Travel

Cleveland marine site includes acrobats, lumberjacks, divers

By JAMES MONTAGNES

AURORA, Ohio —

When Ohio's Sea World attractions opens here near Cleveland on May 21, Canadian money will be accepted at almost par at the entrance, or Canadians will be given a 20% discount tendering U.S. currency. This was announced at a recent reception at Toronto given by the Cleveland Tourist Bureau and Sea World executives.

Sea World opens its 14th season for the summer months in this community, a half-hour drive southeast from Cleveland. It is open all summer until Sept. 11, with a variety of events — from performances by killer whale Shamu, performances by dolphins, Chinese acrobats from Taiwan, Canadian lum-

berjacks, a ski show, Polynesian music and dancing, Arabian Nights magic show and a show by Hollywood stunt artists.

You will also be able to see, as this travel writer has on a trip not long ago, young Japanese girls diving for pearls in a representative Japanese coastal village.

Sea World is one of a number of attractions for all the family in the Greater Cleveland area. Not only is the revitalized city worth a visit, but also some of its early settlement restorations such as the streetcar museum at Olmstead Falls, the Hale Farm Village and the Cuyahoga Valley 1918 steam locomotive with passenger cars operating from Independence.

There is a Pro Football Hall of Fame at Canton, open practically

all year.

There are a number of special package deals operated jointly by Sea World and some Cleveland hotels, ranging from \$22 per adult based on double occupancy at the Hollenden House and admission to Sea World; children under 18 admission at a discount and free in hotel room shared with parents. Other packages include Holiday Inns in the Cleveland area from \$49.95 per couple per night, children free, and two Sea World admissions.

Sea World in Ohio is affiliated with the Sea World shows at Orlando, Fla., and San Diego, Calif., which are open all year. The Ohio show will operate daily from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Admissions are for all shows at \$10.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children from 3 to 11 years, and senior citizens at \$8.50. An unlimited season pass is \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children 3 to 11 years.

There are special rates for groups.

Besides watching the shows by the whale and dolphins — and if you sit too close to the tank you'll get splashed — there is a petting pool where dolphins and a white beluga whale can be petted and fed by youngsters. The grounds also include a pool for sea lions and playful otters, a waterfowl collection and a new aquarium for tropical salt water fish.

Cleveland itself has a number of well known museums including an ethnographic museum, an aquarium, a museum of natural history, a zoo, an institute of art, and Dunham Tavern Museum which is a restoration of an 1824 stagecoach stop on the Buffalo Detroit Trail.

You can tour a World War submarine, USS Cod, located on North Marginal Drive near the Burke Lakefront Airport and the Howard Dittrick Museum of Historical Medicine, at 11000 Euclid Ave.

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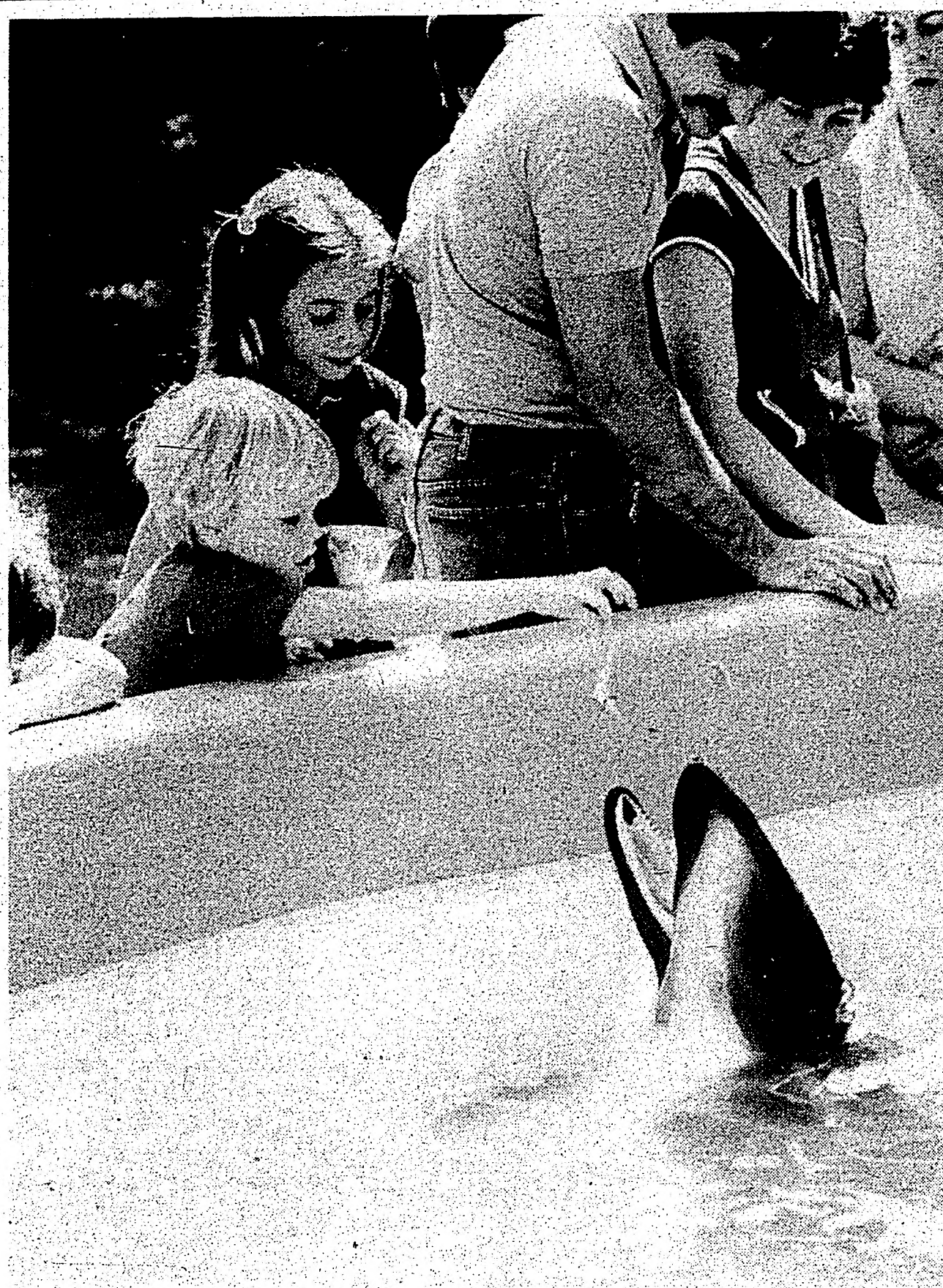
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Canadians prominent in international sport

Jack Saunders takes lead among harness racing writers

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The Toronto Sun's Jack Saunders, 33, recently won the U.S. Harness Writers' Association's award for the best newspaper story of the year in Canada.

Saunders, who, with his wife, Helene, belong to the Beth Shalom Couples Club, told The Canadian Jewish News his story was about a busload of supporters going out to see Cam Fella, the premier harness horse of 1982, race in the \$100,000 Provincial Cup.

Canadians are prominent in international harness racing, Saunders pointed out. The fastest pacer on record, with a mile at 1 minute 49.2 seconds is Niatross, originally owned by Ontario-born Clint Galbraith and Elsie Berger. The leading driver, who has won more races and made more money than anyone else, is Herve Filion, of Angers, Que.

The two best drivers for several years in the Meadowlands, a leading U.S. track, is John Campbell, 27, from a small town near London, Ont., and Bill O'Donnell, 28, from Springhill, N.S. O'Donnell earned \$5.5 million in purses last year. Other top drivers from Canada include Ron Waples, who earned \$3 million last year.

Harness racing with public betting facilities gained popularity in Canada in the early 30s, some 20 years after the U.S., said Saunders. It started off about 100 years earlier with one farmer challenging his neighbor to a race at the county fair, "something like an old-time version of drag racing."

Harness horses are bred as pacers or trotters, two different types of runners.

Racing alternates locally between Greenwood Raceway on the Lakeshore, and Mohawk Raceway, about 35 miles west of Toronto. There are close to 20 harness tracks in Ontario.

The basic guide to handicapping a horse — trying to choose a winner — is the daily racing program, a marvel of communication in columns, charts, figures and subscripts, where even what looks like a fly speck is conveying some vital piece of information.

Regular articles in Toronto's three dailies help sift through the data.

The prime considerations in handicapping, according to Saunders, include:

- **Consistency.** Has the horse demonstrated in previous recent races that he's capable of running in the class he's in?

- **Post position.** The closer a horse is to the inside track, the shorter



Jack Saunders gets down from press box and into a race.

a distance he has to run. But, track positions are often used to offset small but potentially significant advantages as perceived by the judges among horses in the same class. In other words, the horse with an outer track might be a better performer.

- **Driver.** How is he ranked in the day's field? How has the horse done with him before?

- **Trainer.** How is he ranked? "A horse trained by the leading trainer

of the track the race is at is usually given preference," said Saunders.

- **Bettor savvy.** Regular track goers will make their own notes on individual horses and follow them through their career. "There is nothing like personal observation," says Saunders.

The outcome of a race is never certain. The proportion of bettors who are overall winners, is miniscule. Suspense, color, excitement and

the almost mystical bond between man and horse are what make up for most track goers an entertaining evening out.

Saunders' recent prize, an unexpected offer he received last year — to come down from his press box at Greenwood Raceway and take part in a race himself.

Agreeing to drive a spirited horse and sulky seemed, on second thought, a little rash. A

special race only for harness racing writers, it was difficult to say no.

While he had written about the sport for four years, the fact remained that he had never driven in a race. Drivers, he knew, had to be in top shape, experienced and well-trained to control a

1,000-pound dynamo of muscle and will twice around a half-mile track.

Saunders, an ex-New Yorker, was much better adapted to guiding the horsepower in his Chevrolet.

The race was two weeks away. He did the only thing he could. He didn't tell his wife.

Also, he decided he better get in as much practice as he could.

Ten days before the race last July, Saunders began going out to the track early. He told his wife Helene he was taking up golf. With the aid of a couple of co-operative trainers and drivers — and horses — he began learning the ropes . . . er, reins.

On the big day, he took Helene to the track dining room. He was called away early. She next saw him on the track down below, in helmet, boots and uniform. Their friends, horse-owners, quickly assured her it would be all right.

Saunders was assigned Darian Tim, owned by Sheldon Rose and trained by Steve Bregman, both of Toronto. He wound up second, in a field of five. "I finished alive and in one piece, which is really all that

mattered," he said. His wife concurred.

A small incident several days earlier made him particularly appreciative of the accomplishment. "The horse I was riding suddenly spooked. He took right off. At that point, I knew enough to steer him, but not to stop him."

"He ran the track once, twice, three times, and still kept going."

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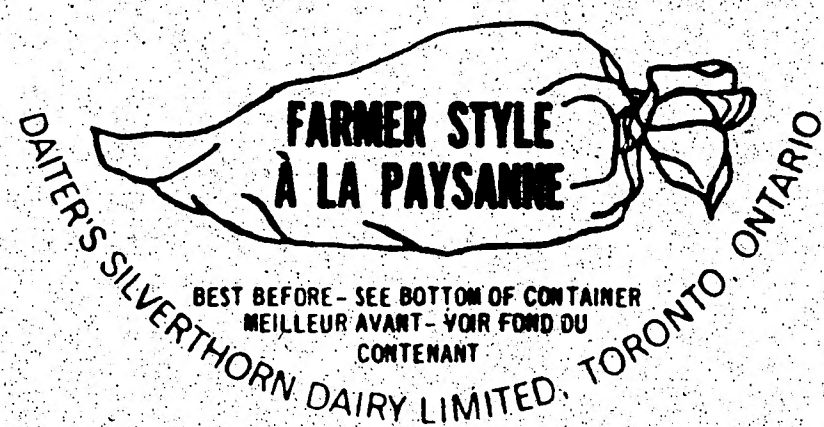
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Humanitarian Award

TV star Monty Hall honored by Beth Sholom

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

When television star Monty Hall left Toronto in 1955 to seek his fortune in New York, his last public appearance here was at Beth Sholom Synagogue. On accept-

ing the Beth Sholom Brotherhood's 33rd annual Humanitarian Award last week, he joked the members that it "took them a long time" to invite him back.

Nevertheless, he was obviously proud to be the latest in a line of recipients that has included some of Canada's

leading jurists, statesmen, clergymen and civic leaders.

In introducing Hall, Paul Godfrey, chairman of Metropolitan Toronto and last year's honoree, enumerated the various reasons the entertainer was selected. "Show Monty Hall a child in need and he will be

there," Godfrey said. "He makes the time to travel the world for children. It's truly remarkable that one individual could have accomplished all he has."

A past international president of Variety Clubs International, Hall was honored for the inordinate time and effort he

has given to this organization which helps children around the world, as well as to Jewish community causes in the U.S. and Canada and to the State of Israel.

Approximately 500 men and several women crowded into the synagogue's social hall to pay homage to a man they call their own, as a fellow Canadian, and recognize as an international figure through his professional success in the United States. They applauded loudly when Hall called himself a "chauvinistic Canadian" who inherited a tradition of commitment to causes from his grandfather and mother.

"If there's anything we [Hall included his brother, Bob, in his remarks] have done to help Variety Clubs, we have been repaid in the knowledge that we have done so much for children," Hall said. "No matter where we go, children who suffer are all the same. When a child is sick in one area, he's comparable to a child on the other side of the world who has the same diseases."

He added that the "unsung heroes and heroines" are those people who have the chore and responsibility of daily care for these children, many of whom are both physically and mentally handicapped.

John Roberts, minister of the environment, in bringing greetings from the federal government, acknowledged that "Canada is not too generous to its talented people. We criticize them if they leave and accuse them of not being able to make it if they stay." He commended Hall for maintaining his ties with this country even though he has worked in California for many years.

Other speakers included Harvey Spiegel, president of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood; Mayors Allan Tonks of York and Mel Lastman of North York; Rev. Richard D. Jones, past president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and Mendel Green, president of the congregation.

Green welcomed Phil Stein as his successor for next year.

Rabbi David Monson, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom, presented Hall with a Confederation Medal minted in Israel as a salute to Canada. Other clergymen seated at the head table were Rev. Father Henry Maloney, Archbishop Keith McKean, Bishop A. S. Markham and Rabbi M. Kirshenblatt.

Beth Sholom Synagogue was founded after World War II as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust. The Brotherhood is now in its 36th year and, with approximately 800 members, is one of the largest organizations of its kind in North America.

Each year it selects an individual (so far only one woman) "for splendid achievement in the field of humanitarian service, for furthering the cause of brotherhood by being friend and benefactor to all men regardless of color, race or creed."

Past honorees have included, in addition to individuals, the people of Denmark, Sweden, Amsterdam and the United States.

The true spirit of Canada is captured in Ever Loving

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

It's a paradox, but a playwright who didn't arrive in Canada until her early 20s has done as good a job, or better, in capturing the spirit of Canada than any Canadian playwright.

She is Margaret Hollingsworth and the surprising thing about her play, *Ever Loving*, at Adelaide Court until May 15, is that it defines Canada so well through the experiences of three war brides. In a way, it is the opposite number to *Waiting for the Parade*, John Murrell's fine play about women on the home front in Calgary.

Ever Loving is an auspicious beginning for Phoenix Theatre's new season which in late May brings us *Last Call*, a post-nuclear musical cabaret which created such a stir in Vancouver.

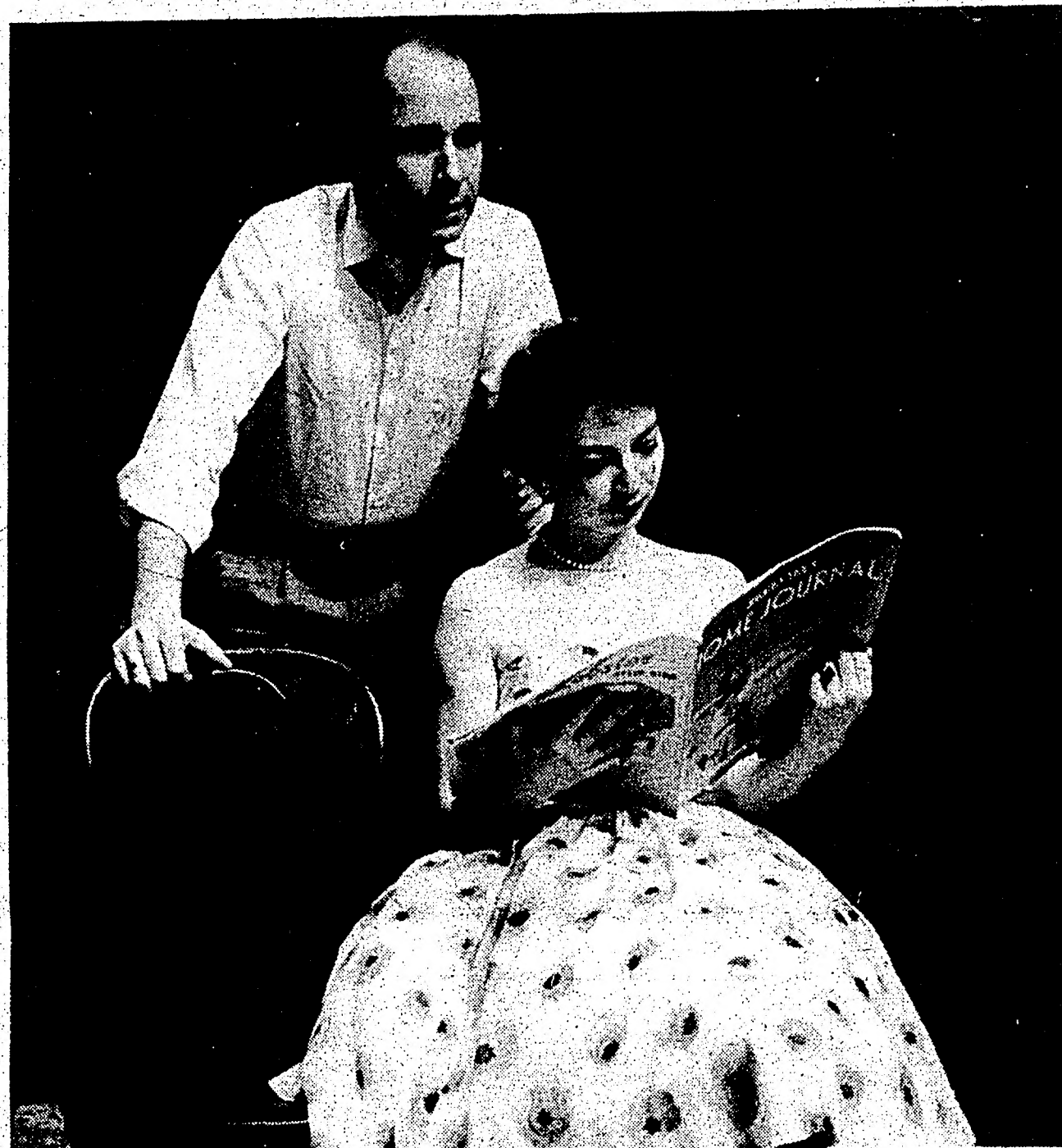
Director Graham Harley has assembled a strong cast for *Ever Loving* and his sensitive and sure touch is much in evidence.

It is good to see David Ferry on a Toronto stage again, after a long absence. He was stalwart in such Tarragon Theatre productions as *Jamie Boy* and *The Donnelly's*. In this play he handles a fulcrum role, that of a Hamilton steelworker whose disappointments in life are reflected in the way he treats his Scottish war bride.

He wonders out loud why people who stayed home while he was overseas are better off; he argues with his fists; he loses his job because he refuses to join a union; they can never afford to move out of his mother's house, though they have six children. And yet, he is fiercely loyal to Canada.

His beleaguered wife, Ruth, played brilliantly by Alison MacLeod, refuses to be crushed, and her humor and high energy dominate the play. *Ever Loving* scores its points about Canada with wit, not walling.

To offset steelworker O'Sullivan, we have Brendan McKane playing Paul Tomachuk, a Canadian of Ukrainian descent, who takes his upper-class English wife (Domini Blythe) to a stoney farm near Lethbridge where home is a

Michael Fawkes and Nancy Barclay, in *Ever Loving*

1-room cabin with out-house. While overseas Tomachuk is determined to become a writer, but he settles for a life as an innovative farmer and community activist, in the tradition of Canadian compromise.

Meanwhile, in Halifax, Michael Fawkes as a Canadian musician of Italian extraction, is living in one room with his Italian war bride who comes from a rich family in Milan, and who has ambitions to be a professional singer. Their marriage breaks up, but each pursues a separate career successfully. This couple appears peripheral to the mainstream of Canadian life, but they're a good excuse to bring in music and song.

Margaret Hollingsworth is a remarkable woman who was chief librarian in Thunder Bay for four years and before that a journalist in her native England and freelance writer in Italy and Japan. Now she lives in Nelson, B.C., one of a group of Western dramatists who are writing the best Canadian plays these days. They include Sharon Pollock and John Murrell.

Hollingsworth wrote two plays with a northern Ontario setting before writing her best known play *Mother Country*.



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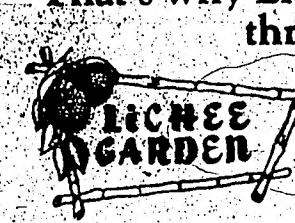
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Show running at the McDowell Gallery

Joyce Green's specialty is sculpting in stone

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

To Joyce Green, sculptor, her fantasies have become reality. Through her lifelong love of art, dance and music, she has achieved a blossoming professional career in her middle years, working in the most idyllic of settings.

Labeled sensuous, rhythmical, fluid and freeform, her works grace the homes of several of Toronto's collectors of fine art. Her sculpture has been exhibited at the Koffler Gallery, Gustafsen's Brampton Gallery, North York Civic Centre, Central Hospital, Beth Tikvah Synagogue and the Images 82 traveling show.

Her latest show — and the most extensive to date — runs through to

May 4 at the McDowell Gallery, 2629 Yonge St.

With such symbolic titles as Cornucopia, Orpheus, Sentinel, Elegance, Harmony, Dove, Sea Urchin, Stratum and Embrace, her sculpture ranges in price from \$325 for miniatures to \$4,000 for Motion, a piece translated into bronze.

"They are all my babies," Green confides. "Once I sell them, I try and visit them to ensure they are properly displayed on a pedestal with effective plants and lighting."

Living on a farm in Thornhill, in a pre-Confederation home, Green is surrounded by all that inspires her. At the doorstep of nature, she lives amid the old and the new. Urban sprawl is rapidly closing in north of Steeles Ave., yet she and her husband, Herbert, a developer and engineer, have carved

themselves a carefully untouched niche in time.

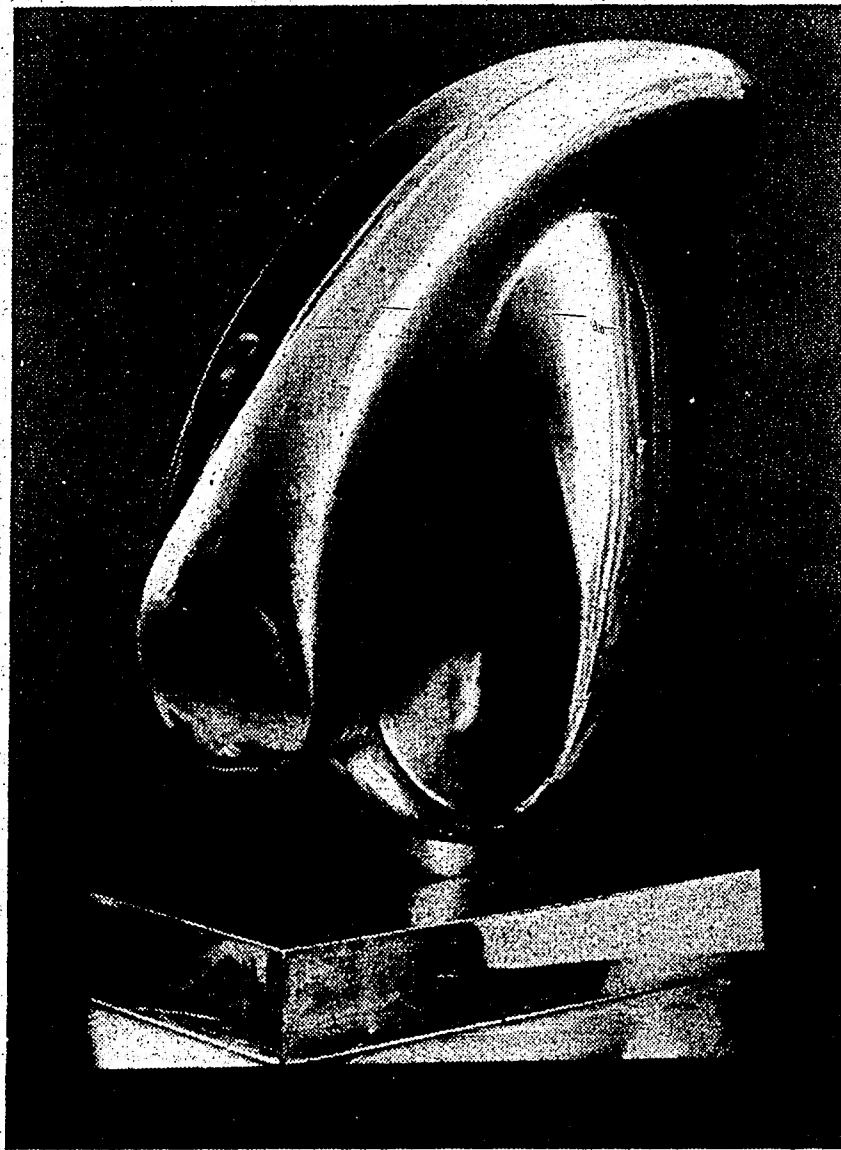
Surrounded by their 19 acres of farmland, which she refers to as "York Hill Kibbutz Green," they have horses, goats, rabbits, chicken, barn cats and a dog. A tract of land produces more than 20 types of fresh vegetables and berries, and an authentic outdoor stone barbecue grills meat as it did 145 years before.

The house itself, which was once a small pine chalet, is now freshly renovated and expanded with five fireplaces (one of which is a replica from Pioneer Village), pine floors and doors, and decorated in nature's finest earth shades. They have also added a pool and tennis court.

Amid all this wonder, Green sculpts. And her medium is one of man's oldest forms: stone.

"My husband says I'm stoned on stone, and, in fact, it's true," says Green, mother of four children, aged 27 to 21. Two sons are professional musicians and one daughter is a professional dancer with the Julliard School of Fine Art in New York City. She also has two grandsons, 3 and 4 months.

"I feel I'm at one with the stone I'm creating and shaping. At first it's a big, ugly blob, then it takes on its own personality," adds the sculptress, who works with alabaster, serpentine, onyx and marble —



Joyce Green's bronze Motion

all representing different levels of hardness.

"The property of each stone varies, as does color, texture and feel. Every piece says something different and exudes different emotion," explains Green.

As a Pisces, she believes she's influenced by water, its fluidity,

lucidity and tranquility. Dance, symphonic music, abstract art and nature have also been motivators.

After nine years of stone sculpting, Green says she is still exploring but just recently became more flamboyant in style. "It all comes with confidence," adds

Green, who turned professional less than two years ago.

Born in Toronto, and raised in an artistic and musical environment, she was always fascinated with sculpture and the lifelike busts her late uncle, Sam Kagan, created.

As her children grew older, she designed interiors and exteriors, but really discovered her forte while studying sculpting with Irene Blogg at the Forest Hill Collegiate Resource Centre. From there she continued with Angela Houpt and Cara Popescu at the Jewish Community Centre.

The big moment came in 1981 when she was adjudicated and accepted into the Sculpture Society of Canada and then, in 1982, the Ontario Society of Artists.

"The JCC has the best sculpture facility in the city," declares Green,

who has a studio there as well as on her farm. She is chairman of the art school of the Koffler Centre of Arts, and a member of the board of its art department.

Her stones, bought in Toronto, but quarried in Italy, South America and Africa, are expensive and always heavy. The average piece weighs 140 pounds, but she also sculpts 1-pound miniatures. "Most pieces can't be carried, so I work on rotating tables," she notes.

Active in Jewish life, the Greens belong to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation and the new Orthodox synagogue in Thornhill, Beth Abraham Yaakov. They are friends of Lubavitch and helped develop its new synagogue and recreation facility at Chabad Gate in Thornhill.

They are also active in Israel Bonds and the JCC.

Bloch's book notes history day by day

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Day by Day in Jewish History, by Abraham Bloch; Ktav Publishing House, Inc., U.S.\$20.

Followers of Jewish history, teachers, rabbis with sermons to write, and writers of specialized columns are among those who will rejoice at the availability of Abraham Bloch's day by day chronology of historic events.

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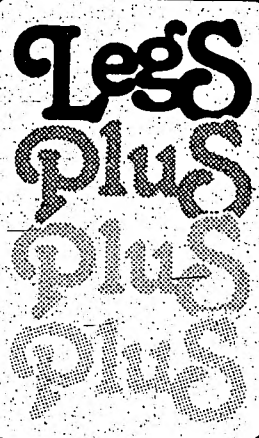
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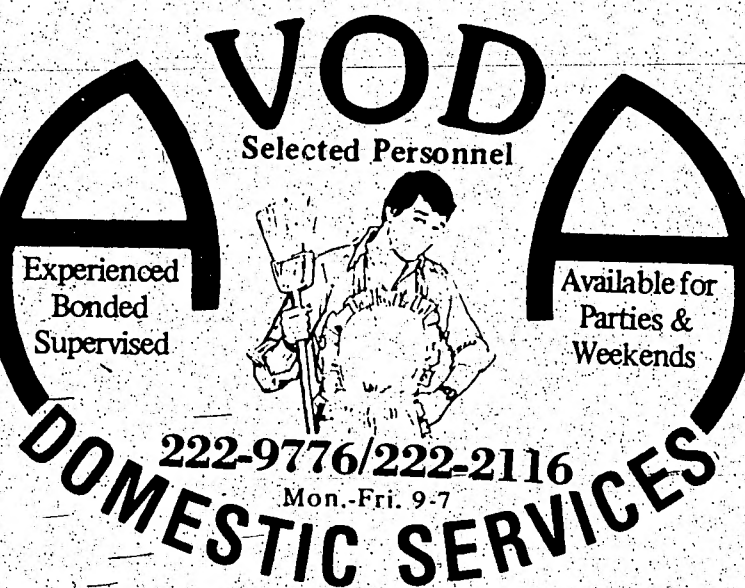
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Spy novelist writes cunningly crafted thriller



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Little Drummer Girl, by John le Carre. Random House of Canada, \$18.95.

Regarded in the publishing trade as a blockbuster and a sure thing,

this novel has had a first printing of 400,000 copies and is a selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club. It has been widely praised and prominently reviewed.

Le Carre's tenth novel

has been enthusiastically welcomed by his fervent and loyal readership. For many of his followers he is the prime spy novelist of all time.

In *The Little Drummer Girl*, Le Carre has abandoned the Cold War encounters of his Smiley-Karla trilogy and plunged headlong into the impassioned struggles of Israelis and Palestinians.

The story begins with the murder of a Jewish child in Germany. In major European cities prominent Jews become

the targets of Palestinian terrorists. Schulmann, an astute and experienced Israeli spy-master, is convinced that the terror and violence are the work of a brilliant Palestinian zealot named Khalil.

But how is Khalil to be flushed out and eliminated? A convoluted plan of Israeli Intelligence involves the abduction of Salim, Khalil's younger brother, the winning over of an idealistic, non-Jewish actress to the Israeli cause as a spy, and an elaborately concoct-

ed, but imaginary love affair between the kidnapped Palestinian and the politically muddled actress.

When Salim dies in an Israeli-staged car crash his compatriots cautiously seek out his erstwhile girl friend. She, in turn, recruited by the terrorists, eventually leads the Israelis to the outwitted Khalil.

Deft and knowing in his portrayal of an assorted group of characters and in his depiction of exotic locales, Le Carre skillfully manipulates the pieces of his puzzle. The long middle section of the novel in which the actress is taught by her Israeli mentors how to act and feel like a Palestinian in order to succeed in her perilous mission is somewhat drawn-out and discursive.

Eager to write from first-hand knowledge and experience, the author visited Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon and was struck by their squalor and pervasive despair. He confesses that one of his goals in writing *The Little Drummer Girl* was to put "a human face on the Palestinians." At the same time he is unstinting in his praise of Israel as an open society and emphasizes its right to live in peace.

These conflicting emotions and feelings are embodied in the actress who begins as a strong Israeli partisan, but undergoes wavering political loyalties as she witnesses Palestinian pain and frustration. In the end her choice, morally indecisive, echoes the larger ethical ambiguity of the complex Middle East situation.

But political considerations aside — and for most readers they will be of secondary concern — this inventive, cunningly crafted thriller has the power to enthrall and entertain.

Burstyn, Navon headline concert

TORONTO —

International entertainers Mike Burstyn and Ruthi Navon will headline a benefit concert for Bialik Hebrew Day School on Thursday, May 5, 8 p.m., at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Burstyn, a native New Yorker who has made Israel his second home since 1963, was born into show business. His parents Pesach and Lillian Burstyn were two of the mainstays of New York's Second Avenue Yiddish Theatre.

Burstyn has been performing professionally since the age of 7 when he began touring South America, Europe, Israel and South Africa with his parents' theatre company.

He has won two Israeli Oscars as best actor for his musical films Kuni Lemel and Hershele, recorded over 25 LPs for CBS Records, and had his own TV variety series, *New Faces*.

Halfa-born Navon was recently described by the Israeli newspaper



Mike Burstyn

Ma'ariv as the country's "strongest rising talent in the popular music scene." She has earned kudos around the world, including in the U.S. and South Africa.

The concert is sponsored by Bialik's parent-teacher association as its major fund raising event. "Our school has recently been renovated and the PTA has a great responsibility to provide the extras that our Jewish community cannot fund," said a Bialik spokesman.

Tickets, at \$14 and \$10, are available through the school office, 14 Viewmount Avenue, telephone 783-3346.



The National Ballet's *Swan Lake* opens May 4 at the O'Keefe.

Sure sign of spring

Airy ballets back at O'Keefe — Swan Lake opens season

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

A sure sign of spring, aside from the meteorological indications which Mother Nature seems to have mixed up this year, is the annual return to O'Keefe Centre of the National Ballet of Canada.

Artistic director Alexander Grant is presenting a bouquet full of light, airy ballets guaranteed to lift your spirits from the winter doldrums.

The perennial favorite, *Swan Lake*, opens the season on May 4. Produced by Erik Bruhn, this version of the tragic love tale is a psychological drama, focusing on the prince's conflicting emotions with three wo-

men: his dominant mother, the fragile white swan whom he loves and the enticing black swan who seduces him.

One of the most enduring qualities of this ballet is the lavish music created especially for the ballet by Tchaikovsky. Guest artist Patarick Bissel, a principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre, will portray the prince opposite Karen Kain.

During the second week of the schedule, the company presents a mixed repertoire of contemporary works, mainly 1-act ballets. *Sphinx*, an abstract tale created in 1977 for American Ballet Theatre, will have its Canadian premiere. Based on Jean Cocteau's play, *La Machine infernale*, the ballet involves three characters — the

Sphinx, *Oedipus* and *Anubis*, the Egyptian jackal-headed god.

Collective Symphony, set to Stravinsky's *Symphony in C*, is a celebration of the abstract movement in dance, using uniform rehearsal clothes and an empty stage.

Resident choreographer Constatin Patsalas' *Nataraja*, a futuristic ballet, alternates with *Collective Symphony*. Music for *Nataraja* is by Jacques Charpentier, one of France's leading contemporary composers.

Another favorite included in this season's offerings is *Don Juan*, which details the life of the legendary don and his pursuit of beautiful women. The final scene of the ballet is one of the most moving scenes on

stage. The mysterious Lady in White, the angel of death who calls him to his fate, is accompanied by the haunting *Requiem Mass* by Tomas Luis de Victoria. Anthony Dowell, principal dancer with England's Royal Ballet, will make his debut here as the Don.

Closing the season will be *Napoli*, a light, merry ballet which revels in the spirit of love. Produced by Peter Schaufuss, the ballet follows the young lovers Teresina and Genaro through their dream in the Blue Grotto of Capri. A highlight of the engaging ballet is the famous pas de six and tarantella.

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American wins Rubinstein piano competition

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By
RICK KARDONNE

JERUSALEM

Jeffrey Kahane of the U.S., who performed at Town Hall last winter, won the fourth International Artur Rubinstein Master Piano Competition at Mann Auditorium, beating out 48 other contestants, including Toronto's Joanne Ezrin.

His victory in the final round followed a 1½-hour-long decision by the top-ranked international jury, which had to make a tough choice between him and Taiwan's Hung Kuan-Chen, who chose a more difficult final entry, Brahms Concerto No. 2. It was Kahane's more definitive sense of contrast in his interpretation of Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini which finally tipped the victory decision in his favor.

sody on a Theme by Paganini which finally tipped the victory decision in his favor.

Jeffrey Kahane went on to perform a full concert, again with the Jerusalem Symphony, at Jerusalem's Binyamin Ha'oomah Auditorium four days later, hosted by Israel's leading dignitaries. And, on Dec. 12, he will be introduced by Leonard Bernstein at a gala New York debut. From which time on he will be universally recognized as one of the great pianists of our time.

Small wonder, as the Artur Rubinstein competition is the most demanding contest of its kind in the world. It is the only master competition in the world. In the words of its director, Jacob Blistitsky: "It is not discovering new talents."

"Artur Rubinstein lent his name to this competition on two conditions," he explains: (1) to create an international forum for confrontation of already discovered talents, giving them the opportunity to meet and compete with the best (in the words of the late great instructor Nadia Boulanger, it is not important to be a prize winner, rather it is important to be allowed to participate), and (2) that it not be a burden of

government and public money but that it be self-supporting.

From its very inception, both these conditions have been met. More specifically, Artur Rubinstein set the most rigorous challenges ever presented to contestants in any major musical competition. They consist of three stages: (1) an hour-long solo recital of a narrowly-defined choice of works; (2) a 75-minute recital consisting of both solo renditions (including an Israeli composition sent to the contestant three months prior to opening) and chamber music selections; and (3) two concerts with the Jerusalem Symphony under the baton of Mendi Rodan.

The jury consists of some of the world's top piano authorities. This year it included distinguished New York Times music critic Harold Schonberg.

What makes the fourth International different from its three triennial predecessors is, of course, the fact that the maestro is no longer with us. But, according to his widow, Artur Rubinstein's spirit was present, together with the guiding principles which, together with the competition, comprises a living memorial to the

artistic, humanitarian and Zionist personality that he was.

When Zaire became the first Black-African country to re-establish diplomatic relations with Israel, one of the first bilateral steps taken was to initiate a cultural exchange in which the National Ballet of Zaire will visit Israel this coming summer, and Israel's leading modern dance troupe, Bat-Dor, will, in May, tour Zaire.

There couldn't be a better diplomatic vehicle of goodwill. For Bat-Dor is one of the world's great contemporary dance companies. Directed by one of today's boldest innovators, Johannesburg-born Jeanette Ordman, Bat-Dor has presented a uniquely Israeli profile which has attracted the most vibrantly innovative choreographers, such as American Gene Hill Sagan, to creatively participate in its ranks.

All of this has been possible thanks to the tireless efforts of Baroness Batsheva de Rothschild, a longtime friend of Martha Graham and herself a highly knowledgeable expert on modern dance whose philosophies have guided Bat-Dor to excellence by striking the proper balance between individuality and co-operative feedback.

"We are a repertory company, based on the principles of variety, contrast and eclectic diversity," states the Baroness.

Although Jeanette Ordman, who built Bat-Dor, is artistically the guiding light, Bat-Dor is not the vehicle for her ego trip. She encourages mutual feedback between herself and both her dancers, comprised of Israelis and from other countries, and her choreographers, who include Top Israelis such as Domy Reiter-Soffer [whose Equus was performed by the dance theatre of Harlem both in New York and Israel], Mirali Sharon, and international celebrities like Gene Hill Sagan, who stayed in Israel for 10 years.

Each visiting choreo-

grapher is taken on a trip through Israel to absorb the Israeli spirit before they create here. This spirit especially imprinted itself on Sagan, whose And After, dedicated to a friend killed in the Yom Kippur War, is one of the most powerful uniquely-Israeli dance works yet.

Sagan, in turn, benefited from Jeanette Ordman's rare sense of fusing maximum creativity with a sense of structure based on artistic form. (And After was performed at Hamilton Place in 1979).

Artistic form, according to both the Baroness and Ordman, requires serious innovative feeling with maximum technique — but not the American concept of technique characterized by excessive acrobatics. Rather, technique, ac-

ording to Bat-Dor, tries to approach the expected high level of the world by maximizing the ability of the dancer to do what the choreographer wants.

Such abilities are plentiful among the Bat-Dor company, which includes Jeanette Ordman as a still-active dancing participant and other fine dancers such as Igal Berdichevsky and his wife Miriam Pascalsky, Leah Liechtenstein, Graciella Kozak and David Rapoport.

Many other members will soon achieve prominence, appearing in challenging new works such as Prophetic Visions, one of several Jewish-theme pieces in Bat-Dor's repertoire, which will be presented during a New York tour this upcoming September.

Open House

TORONTO —

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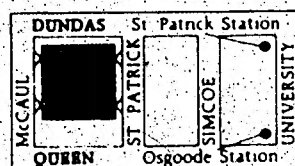
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2-day Classic at JCC

Racquetball tournament one of the country's best

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

While the Jewish Community Centre's recent 5th annual Racquetball Classic moved the tournament a step closer to being one of the country's finer competitions, the results weren't as heart-warming for JCC players. And tougher competition is the reason why.

"This is the first year that the JCC didn't clean up," Peter Sewell of the Centre's physical education department told Sports Scene. But, he added, "it was the most successful tourney so far."

Sewell attributes the end of JCC domination to the fact that the tournament has gained a sufficient reputation to draw top players from across the province. About 70 Ontario clubs were invited to send competitors to the event, producing a 40-person field that included two nationally ranked players and a provincial age group champion.

Among other places, participants came from London, Kitchener, Barrie and Hamilton to take

part in the 2-day Classic which was held at the JCC's northern branch.

"This tournament has taken off over the last three years," Sewell said. "To my knowledge, the only other tournament like this, in terms of longevity and the calibre and number of players involved, is the national."

The Classic's rising profile also drew a number of big-name corporate donors this year. Bank Leumi supplied T-shirts for all tourney players and other companies that chipped in with material donations included Neilsen's, TV Guide and Coca-Cola.

Players were divided into four age classes and, although the JCC did not walk away with all the honors, Centre players took part in each of the final matches.

Sewell also noted that more women entered the Classic this year than ever before, despite still being too few to warrant a separate draw.

In the 18-and-under age group, the JCC's Michael Levy, who along with brother Lorne (the 15-and-under runner-up) is a nationally ranked player who competed in tryouts for the recent Canada Winter Games, defeated Andy Pond of Hamilton to take the trophy.

In the 15-and-under class, provincial age group champ Tom O'Brien of Burlington

dumped the JCC's younger Levy for the title.

Darrin Hill of Oakville upset Lorne Abony of the JCC to take 13-and-under age group honors.

In the 11-and-under category, Billy O'Brien of Burlington (Tom's brother) knocked off the JCC's Steve Gaines to finish on top.

David Edge of Ancaster, Ont. placed sixth at the recent Boston Marathon to become the fastest Canadian finisher ever at the famous endurance event.

Edge, 27, a native of Blackpool, England who moved to Canada in 1980, completed the 26.2 mile (43.6 km) course in 2:11.03 to finish 2.03 behind winner Greg Meyer and only nine seconds off the time of fifth-place Chris Bunyan.

The former British police officer-turned-traveling salesman smashed the previous Canadian record at Boston (2:13.23), set by Tom Howard of Richmond B.C., by 2.20 while topping his own personal best marathon clocking by almost 1-1/2 minutes.

Edge's time, though, fell short of the Canadian marathon record of 2:10.38 set by Toronto's Jerome Drayton. Drayton is also the last Canadian to have won in Boston, accomplishing the feat in 1977.

A newcomer to competitive distance running who entered his first marathon only last year, Edge has quickly risen to prominence and was named Canadian runner of the year in 1982. He was the second-place Canadian at the Montreal Marathon and won the 20 km national event in Moncton, N.B. en route to that distinction.

Astonishingly, Edge took the 1982 award despite coming off major abdominal surgery performed to remove a cyst, and while recuperating from a parasitic disease he contracted while competing at the 1981 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

A goal by Stu Schwartz in the first overtime period lifted Toronto Freedom Lodge Whalers to a 6-5 victory over Canyon IFL Jets in the opening game of their B'nai B'rith hockey league A Division best-of-three championship final series.

Marc Goodman fired a pair of goals in the game to pace Whalers, while Brian Fingold counted twice for Jets in a losing cause. The dramatic opener confirms the suspicion that this will be an exciting, well-fought series that should go down to the wire.

In the C Division playoff finals, Toronto Freedom Lodge Plumbers shocked the favored Canyon Old Timers when Marc Lampert's short-handed goal with 53 seconds left in regulation time gave the TFLers a surprising 4-3 victory.

Plumber's Lawrence Lampert (Marc's brother) led the upset charge with a pair of markers as the TFL club jumped to a 1-0 edge in the best-of-three series.

Old Timers reached the final by sweeping Maccabiah Weiss Guys aside by a 10-1 count in their semi-final match which saw Sid Lifton, Roger Amram and Elliot Rivkin each fire two goals for the winners.

Plumbers established their upset potential in the semis by riding a pair of markers from David Kreizman to a 4-2 win

against Toronto Freedom Lodge Maple Leafs.

In B Division playoff action, Don Mills Axemen earned a berth against Maccabiah Beavers in the best-of-three final series with a 5-0 win over Don Mills Developers in their sudden-death semi-final match.

Joe Black counted a goal and two assists for Axemen to support the shut-out goaling of Howard Axelrod.

All the division finals wrap up this week with games at Chesswood Arena beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday and Wednesday matches at Centennial Arena starting at 8 p.m.

The Maccabi Soccer team, 1983 winners of the Toronto Blizzard and Buffalo Stallions indoor soccer tournaments, is looking for young Jewish soccer players over the age of 16 who are interested in trying out with the club, according to player and team secretary Tony Lipsey.

The club recently joined the Toronto Service Soccer League, which begins Wednesday night play in mid-May, and is in the process of consolidating its roster and organization.

Recently, a constitution was adopted for the soccer team and an executive committee was chosen to run the team's affairs.

The club is also seeking a new coach to replace Michael Silverman (director of the northeast JCC), although he will continue in the position until a new head man is found.

Silverman will maintain his affiliation as team chairman and is joined on the executive by Lipsey, treasurer Leon Blanche, team manager Les Kelman and social convener Harry Donenfeld.

The team has already started training on Wednesday evenings for its summer schedule and will shortly begin playing Sunday afternoon exhibition games.

Players who are interested in trying out are advised to call Lipsey at

845-9430, extension 366 during the day, or at 866-0933 in the evening.

For those of you who like to keep fit by beating the pavement, the UJA Walkathon is a way to flatten your feet on behalf of a worthy cause.

The 25 km walkathon kicks off from the Bathurst-Sheppard Plaza at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. There is no registration fee, although you will be encouraged to register at the starting point.

Those who hand in a minimum of \$50 at the first checkout become eligible for a draw prize of a round trip ticket to Israel.

Walkers are under no obligation to complete the course (or start at the beginning), although you might want to be on hand for the final checkpoint festivities which take place at the JCC.

While Maccabi Netanya remains the dominant club in the Israeli National Soccer League, having amassed 55 points for a 13-point bulge over the rest of the 16-team field, the fight for second place and a berth in the upcoming European Intertoto competition remains fierce.

As of two weeks ago, Shimshon was in second with 42 points; Hapoel Tel Aviv followed with 40 points; Maccabi Tel Aviv had 36; Beersheba had 35; Maccabi Haifa had 34 points; one point back were B'nei Yehuda and Maccabi Petah Tikva;

Beitar Jerusalem, Yavne and Yehud were deadlocked at 30 points; Lod and Kfar Sava, last year's INSL champions, were tied at 27; Ramat Gan and Hapoel Jerusalem had each totalled 24 points, and Jaffa occupied the cellar with 23 points.

Mickey Berkowitz and Earl Williams recently led Maccabi Tel Aviv to an 80-78 victory over Hapoel Ramat Gan to complete a 2-game sweep of the best-of-three Israeli basketball championship finals.

Berkowitz sank 27 points and Williams added 21 to pace Israel's most famous basketball team in the final, dramatic playoff game held at Yad Eliahu Stadium in Tel Aviv.

Are you self-conscious about doing exercises?

By MICHAEL FELDMAN

If you are included in the majority of people who can't understand why exercise has not been part of their lifestyle, maybe we can be of some assistance.

Often, the reason is not laziness or a lack of time — it is self-consciousness. No, you have not misread the last line.

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It is at this point that your phobia will disappear and you can continue on the road to good health and new friends.

Exercise of the week — the hamstring kick: Hamstring tightening is the most common cause of bad posture and chronic back pain. This week's exercise helps alleviate that problem.

Stand up straight with one hand on the back of a chair. Raise your free hand to waist level directly in front of your body and then slowly kick your leg up to meet your hand. You will feel a pull in the upper back part of your leg.

Return to the starting position and repeat the exercise on the opposite side.

Next, place your hand at chest level and repeat slowly. When you do the kick, do it slowly. Six times is enough to prevent your hamstrings from shrinking and to maintain good posture and avoid back strain.



Michael Feldman demonstrates hamstring kick, which helps avoid bad posture and chronic back pain.

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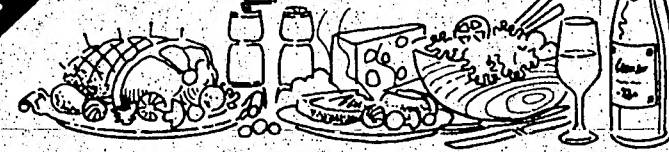
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Devout private detective runs gumshoe school

By
FRANK RASKY

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What is reasonably certain is this: Franco is the only private eye in Toronto who wears tefillin and devoutly davenes each morning before going out on a case.

And while driving to the scene of a crime, he is undoubtedly the only sleuth who recites aloud prayers from the Mishna and Shma and other Talmudic texts he has long memorized.

A former detective-sergeant in the Israeli police force, Franco is clearly an unusual gumshoe.

At 49, he's a gentle, bearded 6-footer, with curly ringlets of black hair and the chesty physique of a boxer, whose only eccentricity is that he smokes a Sherlock Holmesian meerschaum pipe.

He would never be mistaken for a Humphrey Bogartian Sam Spade, with a whiskey flask in his trench coat and a tough-guy snarl on his lips.

"The private investigator of fiction I respect most is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot," said Franco last week, speaking softly with a Spanish-Israeli accent.

"You know why I appreciate her Belgian detective? Because he uses his 'little grey cells' — his brains rather than his brawn — to solve crimes."

Logic, keen powers of observation, and a snoopers' healthy curiosity are the three qualities that Franco stresses at his Canadian School of Private Investigation and Security.

He opened it three years ago, with the blessing of the Ontario ministry of colleges and universities, at 3675 Keele St. in Downsview (telephone 416-638-2334).

Students pay from \$180 to \$450 to attend night classes, where a staff of nine specialists teach them 25 subjects. They learn how to track

down missing persons, the art of insurance and industrial undercover sleuthing, and gathering evidence of adultery for divorce cases.

Some graduates get a licence and then join his staff of 13 professionals in action for his detective agency, Franco Investigation Services Ltd.

About half of his students are women, ranging from 18-year-olds to grandmothers in their 50s. And Franco maintains that the best detectives are "yachnes" — female busybodies with a well-honed inquisitive instinct and a natural flair for picking up morsels of gossip.

"Jews have always had to be super-observant to survive," he says. "And I believe Jewish women over the centuries have developed a sensitive sixth sense for sniffing out evidence and putting the facts together diplomatically and patiently."

air and a wooden truncheon under my arm — they'd stop fighting. By the time I reached them, they'd be shaking hands like old buddies and they'd ask me innocently, 'What's the problem, officer?'"

When he left the police department in 1960 to become one of Tel Aviv's less than a dozen private investigators, Franco says he was compelled to make two difficult adjustments.

"About 95% of my police training had been devoted to criminal law," he says. "Suddenly, I had to school myself in civil law."

"Also, it was a shock to discover that the authority I had conveyed by my soldierly walk and talk cut no ice in civilian life. I retrained myself then — and I'm, still doing it now — to persuade people with a soft rather than a harsh approach."

Franco claims it's not so much the money but the mental stimulus that's most rewarding for a private eye.

"There's never a dull moment in our profession," he said, puffing contentedly on his pipe. "You're never bored, even if you've put through 50 phone calls in what seems like a vain search for a missing person."

"On your 51st call, you may pick up a fresh lead. You ask yourself, 'What clue will I come across next to solve the puzzle?' I tell you, there's no excitement like it!"

He blew out the smoke from his Sherlock Holmesian meerschaum and took another happy puff. "The fiction writers have yet to capture on paper," he said, "the thrill of being a private detective hot on a cold trail."



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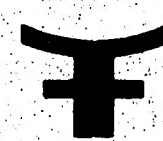
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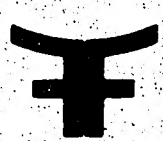
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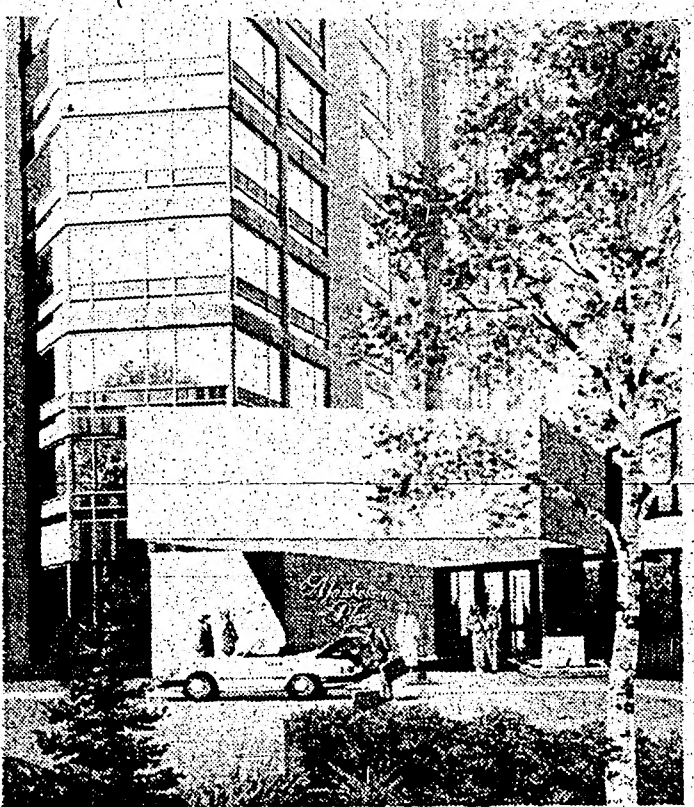
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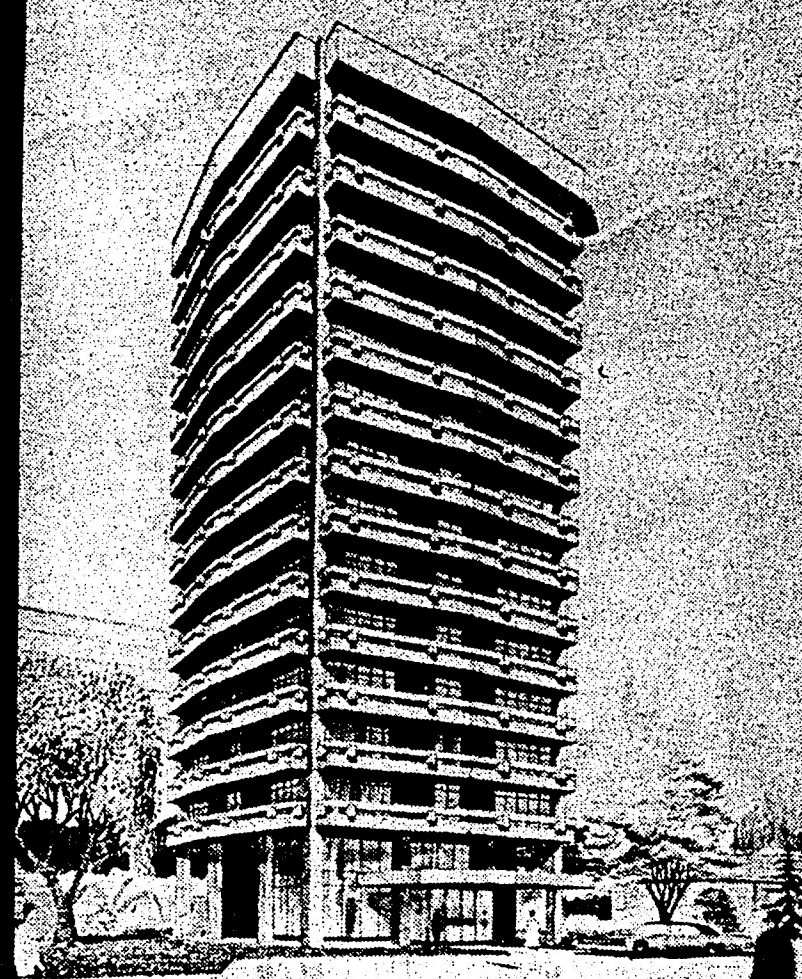
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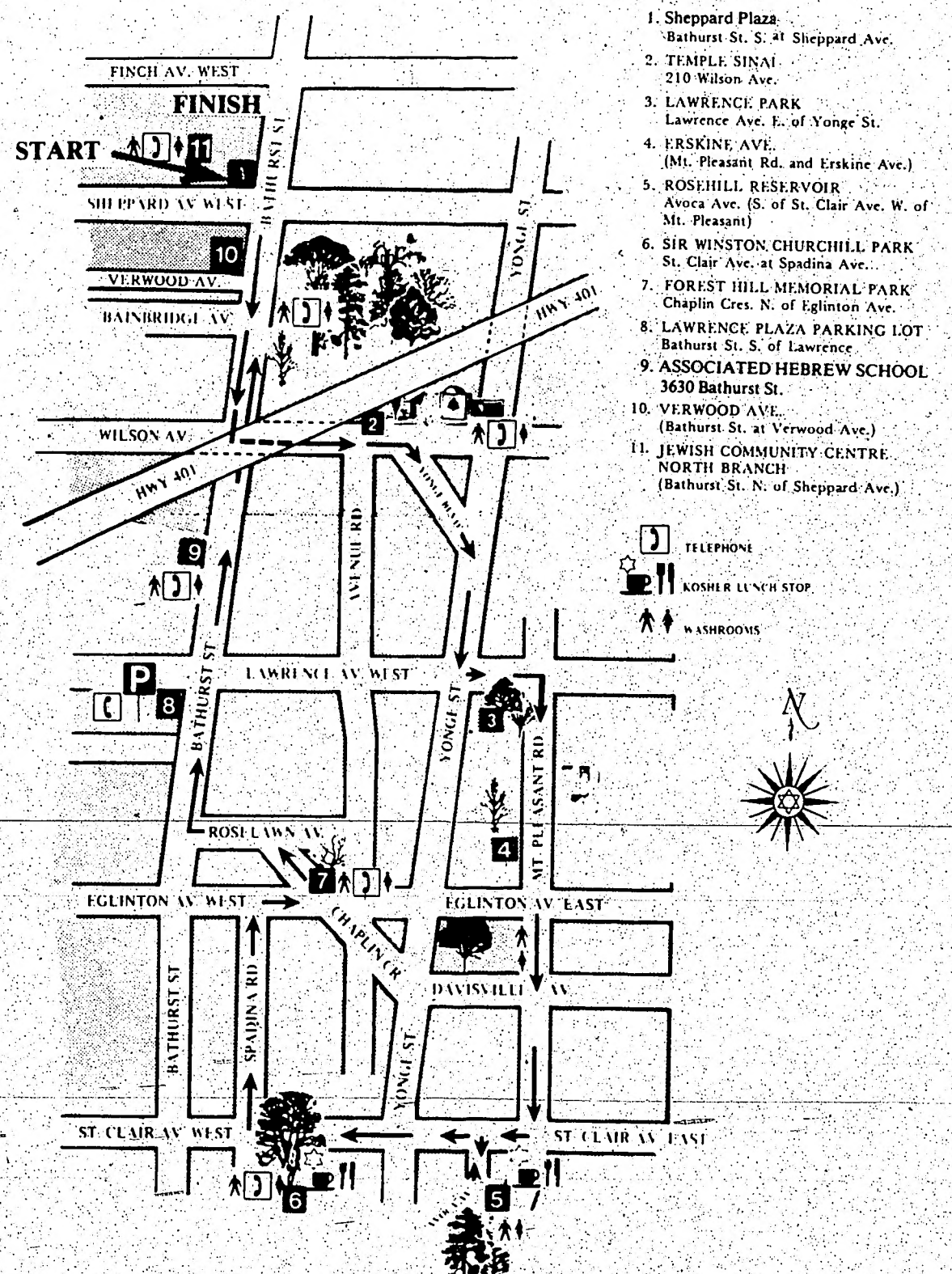
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Viewpoints

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The Congress Plenary: Defining the Issues

An Interview with Alan Rose

Viewpoints: For the benefit of some of our readers who may not be fully informed, could you briefly describe what the Canadian Jewish Congress is. What are its functions?

Rose: Well, every word is operative: it's Canadian, it's Jewish and it is a Congress. It represents in fact the totality of the Jewish community in Canada. Its objectives, broadly speaking are, to sustain and maintain Jewish life in Canada and indeed to initiate new creative aspects of that life in Canada. Nothing Jewish is alien to it. It supports Israel through the Canada-Israel Committee and it aims to help Jews become an engine for social change within the polity of Canada itself.

Vpts: How is CJC structured?

Rose: The CJC is a quintessentially democratic organization; it is federal and provincial in its structure. The regions elect their regional bodies by electing and appointing representatives from national organizations. They come together every three years to elect our National Officers. The next Plenary will be taking place from May 11 - May 15 in Montreal. It is as close to a general Jewish franchise as you can get in Canada. This explains the rather vigorous Plenaries that we have — and also of course makes it a rather difficult organization to run. Everything democratic tends to be slightly messy.

Vpts: Since organizations play such a major role in Congress, what option is there for a person who is committed as a Jew, and yet is not involved in Jewish organizational life, to participate in CJC activities?

Rose: Well, you can't have it both ways, can you? If you want to be affiliated with the Jewish community, the first requirement is that you give a reasonable sum to the local UJA campaign; that is a requirement of Maimonides that has become a basic tenet of Jewish life. After that, it is up to the individuals; if they wish to participate in Regional activities they can do so by seeking appointment to a committee; otherwise they can participate by attending any one of the numerous Outreach programs which Congress conducts throughout the country.

Vpts: Let's shift to the upcoming Plenary, which I suppose you could call a policy-setting as well as an electoral meeting. Could you explain to us how delegates are selected and specifically how the agenda is prepared? There is the old adage from the social sciences that he who controls the agenda wields a great deal of power.

Rose: I think that the Plenary has to do a number of things, some of which are not fully understood even by people who are active in Congress. First, the Officers and National Executive have to render an account of their stewardship during the past three years, to explain any acts of commission or



omission they may have committed. These acts of omission are not very great, considering our budgetary restraints. One of the things that will come out at the Plenary, is that the Jewish community want us to do more and more, and are giving us less and less with which to do it. Secondly, we will have to discuss the great Jewish issues of the day and hammer out policies to deal with them. Thirdly, we will elect our leadership for the next three years. One of the particularly Canadian characteristics of these Plenaries is that the total community comes together, irrespective of the financial means of the delegates or of the ideological differences between them. Somehow we have managed to find through the CJC an umbrella organization under which we can all unite. I think that makes it a unique organization in Diaspora Jewish life.

Vpts: And about the agenda?

Rose: Of course, you are quite right about the agenda. It is an old Communist ploy that if you get the agenda in your hands, you have the meeting in your hands. We have a committee that prepares a tentative agenda which then has to be approved by the Officers and National Executive, all of whom are elected and not appointed. Essentially, the agenda is prepared and approved by a democratic instrumentality.

Vpts: Now perhaps, we should focus on some of the controversial issues, which as you have said are going to be coming up for discussion and then have to be hammered into resolutions which will formulate CJC policy for the next three years. We would like to start with what is probably the over-riding concern of most Canadian Jews today and that is the relations between Canada and Israel.

Rose: Canada-Israel relations really have to be dealt with on a number of levels. First is the political level; I think that there is a

strong difference of opinion between ourselves and the Canadian Government on its attitude toward the Reagan plan. Canada's position goes further on this than the Reagan plan does, because it does not rule out a Palestinian State. I have never understood why it would be necessary for Canada to go beyond the American position, but having said that, I must immediately add that there is basically a very sound Canada-Israel relationship which manifests itself in a whole array of matters on which we are in agreement. Canada and Israel do co-operate in the Social Sciences, in exchange programs, and in the large numbers of visitors from Canada to Israel and vice versa; and so, if there are differences, they are differences between friends.

Vpts: What about the relations between Israel and Canadian Jews; as you know a question that keeps recurring is one of possible subservience towards the State of Israel and the avoidance of criticism. Can you foresee any circumstances under which Congress might criticize publicly any action of the Israeli government?

Rose: I think that we are going into a difficult stage in this question and one should confront it. Let me give you one instance. The Canada-Israel Committee made a substantial statement immediately after the massacres at Sabra and Shatilla, while the Israeli government were still considering whether they should have an investigation. This statement called for an immediate investigation through a judicial Commission of Inquiry. I think that that was the right thing to do, because justice had to be seen to be done. I cannot conceive that this kind of thing could have been done a few years ago. By the way, the CJC also sees certain positive aspects in the Reagan plan which Begin has rejected. Now this is a subtle game and I know something about it. I think that we are much better off with a CIC which is supportive of the State of Israel rather than of any particular government. This gives the CIC a certain room for manoeuvre and allows it to be perceived as a Canadian organization with its own opinions.

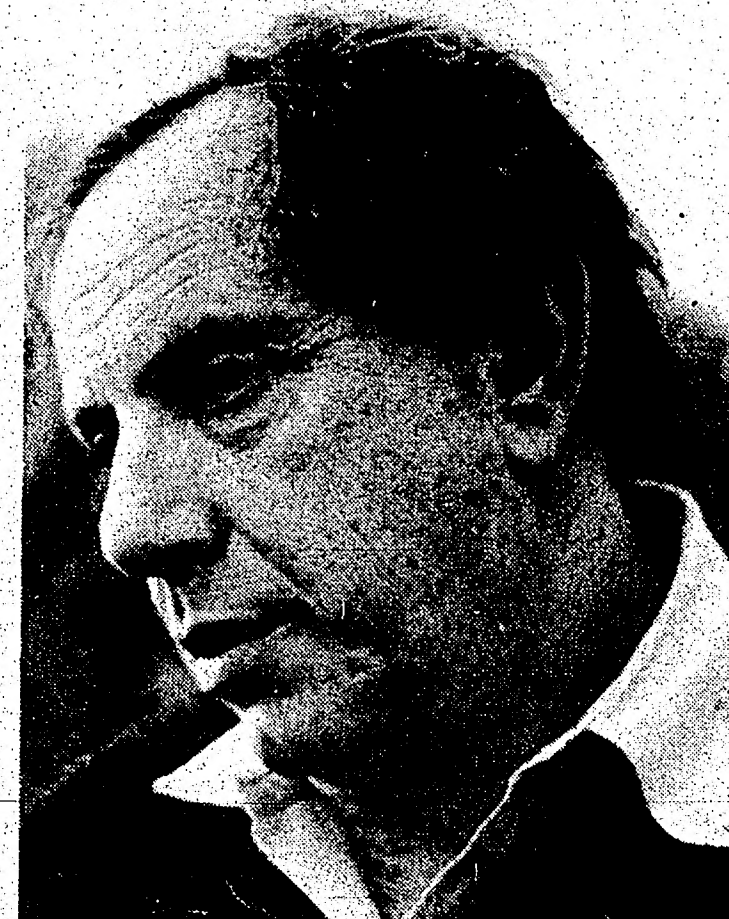
As for what is called dissidence, you won't stop it. The fact of the matter is that we have today a large number of Jews who feel that they have something to say about the totality of K'lal Yisroel and Medinat Yisroel and they are going to say it, and they are going to say it loud and clear. We have to be very careful not to appear here as another people's backyard. I think that Canadian Jewry is going through a period of change from an immigrant community to a Canadian community and one of the evidences of this change is in fact a new attitude towards the State of Israel. It is not anti-Zionist and not anti-Israel, but we are prepared to step back, and if necessary talk about Begin's policies.

Vpts: To be a little more specific, the problem which today faces the Begin government is how to react to Hussein's statement that he is prepared to consider entering the peace negotiations if Begin would call a halt to the building operations on the West Bank. Leonard Fein of Moment and others have been saying for some time that the Begin Government's policy on this question is in fact hindering the peace process and that Diaspora Jews should make their voices heard. Can you see any possibility that Congress might take a position on this matter at the Plenary?

Rose: Congress does not take positions on these questions; these are handled by the CIC and I do not foresee CIC taking a position on this question at this point. But I do see individual Jews taking a position and making comments of that kind.

Vpts: We would now like to turn to a second issue which concerns, we think, not only Jewish Canadians but all Canadians; that is the question of arms control, and in particular nuclear arms control. Is Congress in the process of formulating a resolution on this question, or will it be discussed at the Plenary?

Rose: Yes, it will be discussed, because, I think that there is a Jewish component in this as in all social issues. After all peace is endemic to the Jewish soul; it is part of our prophetic vision of the world. To arrive at a position, however, is not simple. I think that there will be a number of people who will say that this is not the business of the Canadian Jewish community. There will be others, probably younger persons, who think that it should be our business. Now let me give you my personal viewpoint on this — we have to be very clear thinking. I think that bi-lateral negotiations between the USA and the USSR are essential because nobody in his right mind wants to see a proliferation of nuclear weapons. Having been through one war, and having served in the Armed Forces, and fearing greatly for another, I think that there will be a consensus, which I would support, that in these negotiations the USA must pursue the goal of balanced multi-lateral arms control. But to unilateral nuclear disarmament I would say no. And one other thing, we have to be very careful about getting into coalitions, because coalition strategies in the 1960s have now been shown to have had certain flaws. Experience has shown that we might find ourselves in coalition with some very strange partners. For example, does the Jewish community join with those who not only want nuclear arms control but want to see the end of the search for nuclear energy? I would think that our position on nuclear energy is that it is important to be independent of the Arabs. So we will have to be very careful and very precise in the wording of any resolution on this subject.



Vpts: Do you foresee a resolution on the question of Canada permitting the USA to test the Cruise missile in Alberta?

Rose: You could get a resolution to that effect, but I do not think that it would be approved.

Vpts: Another question which is coming to the forefront of the thinking of younger Jewish intellectuals, is the question of individual human rights; not necessarily Jewish human rights but human rights in general. As you know, Congress has been criticized in the past for focussing too narrowly on Jewish human rights. I understand that a Social Action Committee has only recently been established and must have come to grips with this matter. Could you outline the various positions within the Jewish community on this question?

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Rose: I am very glad that you asked that question. I think you could say that we have gone through three periods on this one. Some years ago we were very concerned with this question and were instrumental in obtaining legislation on Fair Employment Practices, Anti-discrimination and so on. Then in the '60s we were simply overwhelmed with Jewish problems with the result that we became much less concerned with general human rights. I think that one has to pay great tribute to Irwin Cotler, who during his tenure as president of CJC has shown great concern for these questions. I have always believed that we have not been doing nearly enough in the field of Social Action. If you take our counterparts in the USA, they have been much more active in this field than we have. Now there is a very strong argument put forward by some people that nobody looked after our human rights in the Holocaust, therefore why should we look after other people's now? I understand their feelings,



having gone through that period, but I do not agree with it; because if you read Anilewicz who was the diarist of the Warsaw Ghetto, in the most terrible time of our history, he not only talked about a new life for the Jewish people but about a new humanity, and I think that if he could have done it, we should be able to. Secondly, I think that there is an essential Jewish component in human rights. The whole basis of law and justice in the Western ethos is essentially a Jewish basis; it does not come from the false revolutions of 1789 and 1917 or from Humanism or anything of that kind. Basically it is Jewish, therefore we have something to say about

this question. Lastly, without being self-serving, if we do not concern ourselves about the human rights of others why should others concern themselves with our human rights?

Vpts: Let us take a specific question — that of "affirmative action". As you are aware, such action has a tendency to become essentially a 'quota' system. Your American counterparts have taken a very strong position against affirmative action. Do you think that this will become a divisive issue at the Plenary?

Rose: Well, "Autre pays, autre moeurs". What is the position of American Jewish organizations may not necessarily be our own. I would like to point out that despite what I said previously, we have been, through Congress, active in many fields of Social Action and now have a very active Law and Social Action Committee under the chairmanship of Fred Zemans. Just look at what we have done in the last few years. We put in what was probably the best brief on the Constitution; we went along with Affirmative Action in the Constitution because this is a different country; although, of course, we wanted more entrenched rights for women; and for native peoples. We have called on the Federal Government to make amends to the Japanese-Canadians for the treatment they received during World War II. So we have things to say about a whole litany of human issues. But you cannot talk about affirmative action in generalities, you have to talk about specific issues. All in all, it would be very difficult to fault Congress on its record on human rights in the past three years.

Vpts: You have spoken about the quality of briefs and position papers that have been presented to the government. Does this exhaust the options open to us on Human Rights? Could we not think in terms of action programs?

Rose: You are quite right. We are involved in a number of action programs; we are part of a Coalition Strategy against Racism in Ontario; we are writing for the Canadian Government a Handbook for new immigrants; we have associated ourselves with the teachers in Quebec against Bill 111; and if time permitted I could mention a number of other projects.

Vpts: To move now to the question of multiculturalism. In the past the Federal Government has taken a very positive attitude to cultural and ethnic minorities and as a result Congress has been very successful in obtaining major grants for a number of projects. Is the current recession changing the government's attitude on multiculturalism and will this question be coming up at the Plenary?



Rose: I think it will. There is one thing to remember about multiculturalism; it really was our intervention, during the Royal Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism, which led to the terms of reference being changed and the eventual establishment of a Department of State for Multiculturalism. The head of this department is Jim Fleming, who is a first-class guy. Obviously there are budgetary problems at the federal level. We should also be aware that this department is now dealing with the problem of race relations. We consider this is a very important program because we do not want to see what happened in England at Brixton happen in Canada. It is important that we help visible minorities to deal with the kind of problems we Jews had in Canada some 40 or 50 years ago. I would like to make a personal observation which may not go down well with some of the leadership of Congress. I think that the time has come to seriously review the amendments to the Criminal Code which we recommended over a decade ago, because I do not believe that they are functioning properly in the conditions of today. There has been a growth in extremism and incitement to hatred which may require new legislation.

Vpts: Are you suggesting that we are undergoing an increase in racial tension and perhaps anti-semitism in Canada?

Rose: I do not think that anti-semitism is substantially increasing in Canada at all. I think that some fringe groups have increased their activities and these groups are very dangerous.

Vpts: Another issue that has been in the news and will undoubtedly be discussed, is the question of war criminals and their prosecution in Canada or extradition to country of origin. Will the Plenary content itself with urging the Federal Government to take further action in this area or will other avenues be pursued?

Rose: Well obviously, it is a moral issue, isn't it? We should not call these men war criminals; they are Nazi mass murderers. Do we want these men — or in a more personal vein do I who served in the British army want to live side by side with a man who committed wholesale murder of Jews and other people? There is no Statute of Limitations on murder, and it is egregious to me that these people should be rewarded with Canadian citizenship. We are gratified that the government has taken action in the Rauca case to extradite; I do not want to comment further on this case because it is before the courts, but the question which is raised by our legal advisors is: has the legal spectrum of remedies been exhausted by the sole avenue of extradition, or in other words, is there either legislation which can be used now or new legislation that can be introduced under the new constitution following the retro-activity clause? and this should be done. If the political will is there it will be done, and it is not just a Jewish matter it is a Canadian matter. We have a resolution of the Canadian Bar Association, a very important resolution, in fact we have a great deal of support. It is anomalous that if some poor fellow had stolen 100 rupees in India 10 years ago and had not put this in his declaration when applying for citizenship he is immediately transported back to India, and yet people who have committed and helped to

commit thousands of murders are living peacefully amongst us.

Vpts: Moving now to the question of Ethiopian Jewry, there has been some criticism to the effect that we have not been doing enough to rescue these Falasha Jews. Statements have also been made to the effect that there has been some tension between Israel and Diaspora Jews regarding policy on these Falasha Jews.

Rose: As you know, I have recently been in Ethiopia. Furthermore, I do not think that there has been a day during the last three years, that we have not dealt with the problem of the Ethiopian Jews. I think that we have by far the best program in the Diaspora in dealing with the Falashas. I went to Ethiopia with the cooperation of the Canadian government; it is not my purpose now to say what we have done and what we are doing. There is really only one question with regard to Ethiopian Jews and that is how to save them by getting them out of Ethiopia. It is very easy to pass resolutions in Canada condemning the Israeli government, but the fact is that the Israelis are the only people who got Falashas out of Ethiopia under particularly difficult circumstances. We should also remember that irresponsible statements made in Canada can actually endanger the lives of Ethiopian Jews; I verified this by seeing with my own eyes what happened to them in Ethiopia as a result of statements made in Canada. There are now in Israel 2500 Ethiopian Jews which the Israelis have brought out; of course, it is easy to say that they should have done more. One important fact, that is not generally known, is that the Ethiopian government recently invited an Israeli delegation to visit Ethiopia to see what can be done to facilitate the rescue of Ethiopian Jews. This is a welcome development. It is true that the policy of Israel prior to 1975 may not have been as positive as it might have been; this will be dealt with by historians, but today I am convinced that the Israeli government is doing everything possible to rescue Ethiopian Jews.



Vpts: One final question, to complete our interview, although it will not deal directly with the Plenary. It is generally recognized that Congress had developed excellent rapport with the present Liberal government. However, the Conservative Party is consistently ahead in the polls and may well form the next government. We all recall the awkward period when the Conservatives were briefly in power and the fiasco with regard to moving the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem occurred. What relationship does Congress have with the Conservative Party?

Rose: Let me put your mind to rest on this question. We have excellent contacts with all parties in Ottawa. I think I know most of the Conservative front bench by their first names. You may know that I was at the Conservative party convention in Winnipeg and we attended all their conventions. As a representative of Congress I was warmly received. I would say that if the Conservative Party came into power tomorrow we would have as many warm and friendly contacts with them as we have today with the Liberal Party. I think that there is a general consensus of goodwill in the Conservative Party; I think the Jerusalem matter has receded into history. At the Plenary, if I may just put in a plug for it — we are having Flora MacDonald as a speaker and we also invited Joe Clark, before the leadership matter arose, to speak on his vision of Canada.

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Congress Priorities Reconsidered

By William Abrams

To the casual observer, our Canadian Jewish community would appear to be one of the most fortunate in the world. We live in one of the most prosperous areas of the world, and have all benefitted in a material sense from this fact. In addition, Canada perceives itself as a multicultural society, committed to helping its cultural, and religious minorities to preserve their identity within the larger Canadian context. Fortunately for us, this has come about all the more easily in Canada because this nation was founded as a binational and bicultural society. The USA, by contrast, has been and still is wrestling with a much larger change in self-perception, from a 'melting-pot' to a 'multicultural' society. This has, in practical terms, meant that substantial sums have been available from both levels of government in Canada for educational and cultural activities of the Canadian Jewish community, far in excess of funds provided by governments in other lands.

Canadian Jews have taken full advantage of this hospitable climate to build a vital, dynamic, prosperous and united community. We are one of the few communities in the world to have, in Canadian Jewish Congress, a single umbrella organization representing all shades and varieties of Jewish organizational life in the country. Congress has achieved recognition and status in government and non-government circles, both at home and abroad, as the single authentic voice of our Canadian Jewish community. Congress is also fortunate in having an able and dedicated group of civil servants to carry out its policies. We have built — to use a bureaucratic term — a remarkable infrastructure.

But on closer analysis, we find that Canadian Jewry is facing serious problems. And the trouble is not with the policies which Congress is following, for, by and large they are well-reasoned and statesmanlike; it is with the priorities our leaders have given to these policies. The present high priorities items on Congress agenda are: combatting anti-semitism and promoting government legislation which protects and increases the rights of Jewish individuals and communities; helping Israel; obtaining government funding for various Congress projects, (the largest being at the moment the Holocaust Documentation and Archives projects); aiding oppressed Jews in various countries throughout the world (at the moment principally Soviet Russia and Ethiopia). Two low priority items (among others) on Congress agenda are Religious Affairs and Social Action. This essay will advance the thesis that these two low priority items should be placed at the very top of Congress' priority list, which involves a drastic change in its agenda.

We must start with agreement on one fundamental question: what is the primary purpose of Congress? What is its mandate from the Canadian Jewish community? My answer to this question would be: to ensure that Canadian Jews will continue to exist as Canadian Jews in the twenty-first century which is almost upon us, and that our Canadian Jewish community will continue to remain free, vital and dynamic within Canada. This definition of Congress objectives would seem to be so self-evident as to be simplistic; if, therefore, agreement on this point can be assumed, I invite the reader now to look back on the high priority items enumerated above and ask the direct question: how much effect will the present high priority items of Congress have on carrying out its mandate, as I have defined it? My own answer is, not very much.

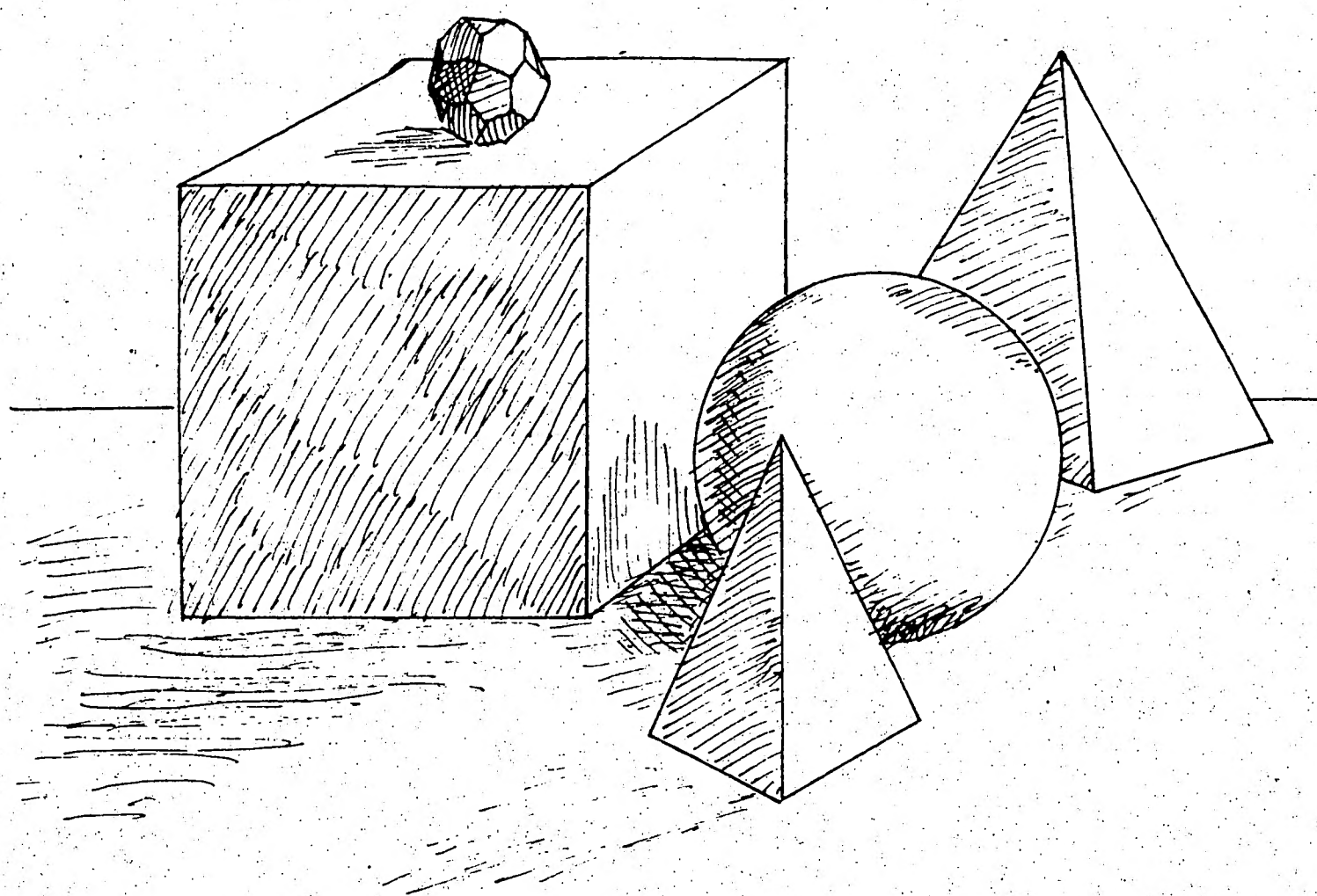
To understand why I make this assertion, we must, as I have indicated, look beneath the appearance we present to the world, of a prosperous and united community, and examine the two institutions which have been the foundation stones of Jewish society for

2000 years of Diaspora life, and have enabled us to survive as a community despite oppression and persecution. These are the family and the synagogue — and both are in serious trouble. The stresses which the Jewish family has been undergoing and the resultant fragmentation of family life were sufficiently detailed in last month's issue of Viewpoints by Prof. B. Schlesinger. But the stresses which synagogues are undergoing, despite the prosperous facade they present to public view, are even more dangerous, because they are not generally recognized. Statistics tell a good part of the story. To-day only 50% of North American Jewry belong to a synagogue; and they represent mainly the older generation. In 1979, a survey conducted by the United Synagogue of America revealed that although Conservative synagogue membership in North America equals the total of Reform and Orthodox memberships, only 39% of adult children of these members have joined a synagogue where they now reside (and because of the mobility of American society they usually do not reside in their native city). If we extrapolate from these figures, it would appear that by the turn of the century, less than 25% of Jews will be members of synagogues. We have no reason to assume that the situation is any different in Reform or Orthodox congregations.

truly radical alteration since the Second World War. For the first time since the Diaspora began, the Christian world has begun to realize that anti-semitism is a Christian and not a Jewish problem and has begun, albeit haltingly, to take steps to correct it. As a result, despite the Holocaust, despite random outbursts of anti-Jewish violence still going on around the world, the chief threat to the long-range future of Jews in Canada to-day is not anti-semitism, which is now firmly fixed on a declining rate. Our chief enemy is no longer the 'enemy without'; it is the 'enemy within'.

The overriding question is therefore no longer whether we will be *allowed* to remain Jewish, but whether we and our children will continue to *wish* to remain Jewish. This was a question that, quite correctly, was taken for granted by our forebears, and is — I maintain, incorrectly — still taken for granted by Congress leadership. It is to this question that Congress has not addressed itself, except peripherally, and which I maintain should now be given the highest priority.

The argument will now be advanced that I am raising the problem of assimilation, and that since Congress represents both religious and secular Jews in Canada, the combatting of assimilation should not be their responsibility but should be left to the Rabbis and the



Why this would spell disaster for the future of Jewry on this continent I hope to demonstrate. For the present, let us ask why these problems should be placed on Congress' agenda, and if so, why they have not. I would submit that the breakdown of family life and its consequences are properly within the purview of the Social Service agencies of our various communities, who, I feel are aware of the problem and are trained to deal with it. But the problems resulting from the displacement of the synagogue from the position of centrality it has held in Jewish life for 2000 years, can be handled on a national basis only by our national organization, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and has been largely ignored by them, as my review of Congress' high priority items has indicated.

The reason, I am persuaded, is that Congress leadership have fallen into the error which entraps most military leaders: they are still fighting the last war. They are fighting 'the enemy without'. In their defence, I hasten to admit that Jews have been fighting this traditional enemy for a very long time indeed. When Congress was founded some sixty years ago, this traditional enemy was still a 'present danger', which became not only increasingly dangerous but horrifyingly murderous with the advent of the Holocaust. So our leaders cannot be severely criticized for remaining locked into traditional perceptions of their duty, and considering that fighting for the rights of Jews to remain Jewish, whether in Canada, Israel or in any other country, should still be their main pre-occupation.

My argument is that, melodramatic though it may sound, both the non-Jewish perception of Jews, and the Jewish perception of themselves have undergone a

synagogues. To this argument there are a number of rejoinders. First, to continue the military analogy, just as war is too important to be left to the generals, the war against assimilation is too important to be left to the Rabbis alone.

Secondly, at the time that Congress was founded, many Jews believed that Jewish secularism was a viable modern alternative to religious Judaism and thus an equally effective barrier to assimilation. But events have demonstrated that, just as antisemitism is a fading force in Christian society, Jewish secularism is to-day a fading force in Jewish society. The most dramatic evidence of this is the remarkable proliferation within the last two decades of Jewish studies programs in North America, which now number over 400. To prove that this is, however haltingly and indirectly, a revival of interest in Judaism as a religion, and not just as an intellectual interest in 'Jewish culture' or a nationalist interest in Jewish peoplehood would require a separate article. For our present purpose, it is sufficient to state that what we are witnessing is a fulfillment of a remarkably prescient statement made by Israel Zangwill at about the turn of the century: 'A minority cannot subsist permanently in the bosom of an alien majority unless it has a distinctive language, or a distinctive religion or both'. Our fellow French Canadians, having, by and large, thrown off their adherence to their distinctive religion, are now clinging ever more firmly to their lifeline, which is their language.

Canadian Jews do not have a distinctive language, utilized in everyday life, like French in Quebec. Obviously Hebrew cannot be that language. And Yiddish, which at the beginning of this century was a sort of 'lingua franca' for Jews throughout the world, is, despite the valiant efforts of our Yiddish

Committee, in an irreversible decline. I doubt whether 5% of Canadian Jews under the age of forty can speak Yiddish to-day, and by the end of this century, the number will, alas, be infinitesimal. It is becoming clearer every day for those who — resisting nostalgia and sentimentality — choose to see clearly, that if we wish to retain our identity and autonomy as Canadian Jews, (or Jewish Canadians — for me the terms are interchangeable) only our religion can serve to define us from our fellow Canadians.

This brings us to the Religious Department of Congress. This department exists and is well staffed. But it must be given more support and more direction by Congress leadership. It must be directed to engage actively in two areas in which it is not now engaged: Adult Education and Social Action.

By Adult Education, I have in mind something quite specific: to teach Canadian Jewish adults, who are to-day, in the main secularly well-educated and Jewishly ignorant, about the secular and sacred history of the Jewish people, and thereby to convince them that the synagogue to-day, more than ever must remain the central institution of Jewish life in the Diaspora.

I feel that such an initiative would be particularly timely at this juncture, for although most of us were raised in a secular society, and educated by secularist teachers, faith in secularist humanism (the unspoken religion of the twentieth century atheist) is now ebbing, leaving many young people adrift. Many secular leaders to-day openly admit that the secularist option in Diaspora Jewry is increasingly unattractive to to-day's younger generation of North American Jews and that the 'Zeitgeist' has turned against them. Irving Howe, a leading American secularist intellectual, stated as much at an open lecture in Montreal two years ago, and added that this was for him a personal dilemma, since he was 60 years old, he could not bring himself to believe in God, and yet wanted to remain Jewish. During the discussion period following his lecture, I advised him — only semi-facetiously, — that he ought to emigrate to Israel where the majority of Jews are fulfilling themselves quite comfortably as secular citizens of the State of Israel. But Irving Howe's dilemma deserves to be taken seriously, if only because he articulates succinctly the position of many like-minded Jewish intellectuals who are attempting to find their way back from secular Judaism — or secular humanism in general — to religious Judaism.

Howe represents an older group of long-time secularists, who have been so conditioned by their upbringing and lifestyle, that they cannot at this late stage accept the idea of God as a Creator or Prime Mover in the universe. But there is to-day a much larger group of younger secularists, who, not being so firmly fixed in their secularist orientation, can accept the idea of a God as Creator (known theologically as deism), but not in a 'Living' God with whom man can establish a relationship, (known theologically as theism). Their difficulty is that the only relationship possible between man and a Living God who demands from him ethical behaviour is prayer; and for one who has never prayed, this is a difficult psychological hurdle to overcome. Not only must they learn to pray, they must learn to pray in a synagogue, for the Covenant was established between God and the Jewish people, and therefore Jewish prayer takes place primarily in a synagogue, where Jews are a congregation. Furthermore, our history has amply demonstrated that only through the synagogue can our Jewish heritage be transmitted from one generation to another; and therefore it will always remain our core institution.

It may be too late for Howe to face these truths and change his lifestyle to accommodate them, but it is not too late for thousands of younger secularists who must be helped to find their religious heritage. As Howe has discovered, trying to remain bound up with the Jewish people, only through Yiddish or 'Jewish culture', while denying the religious covenant which made the Jews a unique people is a self-defeating effort — except in Israel, where as Begin has

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said, one can be a Jew in Israel, like a Frenchman can be a Frenchman in France. But such a "normalization" of the Jewish condition is not possible in the Diaspora.

I realize full well that for Congress to undertake a nationwide program of education in Judaism for Jewish adults may seem a new and rather startling idea to Congress leadership. Of course the synagogues are all engaged in such activities; but as already indicated, only 50% of North American Jews belong to a synagogue, and probably a disproportionate number of synagogue members are older people. It is to these unaffiliated younger Jewish adults that Congress must reach out, for the synagogues cannot reach them. Only Congress has the nationwide structure capable of mounting such a campaign. My plea is for Congress to accept this responsibility, which is truly crucial for the future of our Canadian Jewish community, and to launch a massive "Jewish consciousness-raising" effort across the nation.

If a decision to this effect is taken, many techniques could be evolved to achieve our objective. I offer one concrete suggestion as an example: Congress might organize a series of symposia in cities across Canada on the subject: "Being Jewish, Why It Is Worth It". Such discussions led by thinking Jews, both lay and rabbinic, from various backgrounds, would emphasize the satisfactions and fulfillment which can be derived if one leads a full Jewish life in Canada. Many troubled young Jews are to-day engaged in a search for a true centre which could bring meaning and purpose to their lives. These discussions would encourage them to focus their search on their own largely neglected Jewish heritage instead of pursuing exotic cults or abandoning themselves to hedonism, and could serve to motivate them to engage in serious study of Judaism on an adult level.

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To turn now to the question of Social Action, I venture now to offer another seemingly radical suggestion: that the Social Action Committee be restructured as a sub-committee of the Religious Department. The logic of this idea quickly becomes apparent if one examines the place of Social Action in

the context of religious Judaism.

Perhaps the most basic concept of Judaism is Social Justice: Tzedakah. By contrast, the most basic concept of Christianity is not justice, but love of Jesus. A recent book by two Christian theologians, Vidler and Muggeridge entitled: "Paul — Envoy Extraordinary", makes this point clearly. They state: "when Paul said: 'a man is not justified by works or the law but through faith in Jesus Christ,' what he said was true, not only of the words or good deeds prescribed by Jewish law, but of any conceivable scheme by which men imagined that they could perfect themselves and put the world to rights." The implication of course, is that for the Christian, good deeds, (which we now call Social Action) are useless. Only through the love of Jesus and by the grace of God can salvation come to man.

Curiously enough, if we look about us, we find that most Social Action in Canada is being conducted by Christian clergymen and churches rather than by Jewish rabbis or synagogues. As a recent example, let me cite the furore stirred up last month in the media by the Catholic Bishops with their demand, in the name of Social Justice, that the Canadian government should give a higher priority to the fight against unemployment, even at the expense of inflation. Prime Minister Trudeau reacted by saying that the Bishops should not involve themselves in economic affairs. My own reaction to these events was twofold: first, that this comment was ironic indeed, coming from a man who was elected fourteen years ago on a promise to create within Canada a 'Just Society'; and second (and more strongly) that such a statement should properly have come, not from Catholic Bishops but from Jewish rabbis, since Social Justice is our fundamental concept. To my mind, this incident illustrates why our Social Action work should be within the purview of the Religious Department of Congress, for in Canada no other umbrella organization exists which can speak in the name of all our Rabbis, (and which, can ever hope to achieve the necessary co-operation between our Rabbis so that they could speak with one voice.)

All this is in no way meant to denigrate the work being done by the recently organized Law and Social Action Committee of

Congress. Nor, I hope, will I be misunderstood, if I state that their present projects, such as help to handicapped persons, the poor and the elderly, are mainly "motherhood" projects of Social Service rather than Social Action in the true sense. By true Social Action, I mean action to help people, whatever may be their religion, color or sex, who are being oppressed or unjustly treated by more powerful segments of their own society or by other nations. I do not regard action designed to help people who, unfortunately are personally handicapped by inability to utilize all their faculties, or by age or poverty, as Social Action, but rather as Social Service. I realize further that this course of action involves activities that might be perceived in some cases as 'political'; that is why I suggest that it be led by our Religious Department, for it would then be clear that we are not politically motivated but are simply putting into practice our Jewish religious principles. What is needed now is to place this committee in its proper context, which is within the Religious Department and to provide them both with a much higher profile and a much bolder vision.

At this point, let me digress to deal with another fallacious argument frequently heard from Jewish intellectuals: that what Congress does or does not do is irrelevant, since the levers of real power within the Canadian Jewish community are manipulated by the Welfare Funds, the United Israel Appeal and the 'big givers' within these organizations who control the allocation of funds raised. This is to underestimate and even to denigrate the role of Congress. To give only one example, there has been a major change in the last decade in the position of Jewish Welfare Fund organizations on the question of using their funds to assist Jewish education. Whereas, twenty years ago, they refused to do so, they to-day are raising their subventions to Jewish schools annually. In this process of educating community leadership to their responsibility, the debates within Congress on Jewish education, a subject which has been on the agenda of all our conventions within living memory, have in my view, played a major role.

If the projects I have outlined were placed at the top of Congress' priority list and vigorously pursued, I am persuaded that

these denigrations of Congress' role would no longer be heard. For Congress would then present an entirely different face to our community. Even more importantly, it would command the respect of to-day's generation of young Canadian Jews, who, like all young people to-day, are much more universalist in outlook than their parents were, for they inhabit a globe that is truly 'one world' and move around it with ease and assurance. If they were to see Congress engaging seriously, through its Religious Department, in the pursuit of Social Justice for all people throughout this smaller world, they would involve themselves more in its activities; this, in turn, would help Congress (if it accepts the priorities I am suggesting) to lead them back to a centre of values which they, children of the affluent society, lack and seek. That centre is the religion of their forefathers, but not, unfortunately in most cases, of their fathers. As a result of their secular upbringing, these young Jewish adults, as we have seen, are now half-way down the road to assimilation. They do not belong to a synagogue because their parents do not and if they do belong, are largely nominal "three days a year" members. And even if their parents are community-minded and involved in Welfare funds or Congress activities, they have since childhood been taught to understand Judaism only in terms of problems: antisemitism, oppression, persecution, Holocaust. They do not know, because they have never experienced the joys of Judaism, of a truly Jewish family life, Jewish mitzvah, Jewish Sabbath, Jewish pride in being descendants of 'a kingdom of priests and a holy nation'. No wonder so many of them used to echo the words or at least the attitude of Heinrich Heine: "Judaism is not a religion, it is a misfortune". Fortunately this attitude is now changing, and this change must be encouraged.

The only Canadian organization that can reach these young adults is Congress, and by means of the program outlined above, help the synagogues to do what is essential for our Jewish survival: bluntly stated, it is to convert these nominal Jews to Judaism. This is the way for Congress to fulfill its true mandate and to ensure the continued existence and vitality of Jewish life within Canada.

A Response

Social Action Not a Religious Matter

In this short article I wish to address some important issues raised in William Abrams' article which appears in this issue of Viewpoints. Mr. Abrams raises concerns about the future goals of the organized Jewish community in Canada and legitimately questions our current national agenda.

At the outset, I must state clearly that I heartily endorse Mr. Abrams' assessment of the Canadian Jewish agenda and that I agree with many of his recommendations. I specifically endorse his recommendation that social action (dare I mention social change) should constitute a more significant part of the programme and the budget of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The recent presentation of a brief by the Law and Social Action Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress to Madame Monique Bégin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, has confirmed my commitment to the need for a national Jewish presence in matters of social policy that affect members of our community and Canadians generally. Mme. Bégin asked our delegation, which included members of the Jewish community from Winnipeg, Toronto, Halifax and Montreal, where we had been and why our community had not previously made representations to her department. Her warm response and highly laudatory acceptance of our brief has encouraged many of the opinions expressed in this article. Mme. Bégin not only warmly received our delegation, but invited us to meet with her regularly on the social issues concerning our community. She encouraged the community to make similar submissions to other members of the cabinet and to the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

My first premise is that the presence of the Law and Social Action Committee at the national level of the Canadian Jewish Congress has provided our community with a unique opportunity to expand the national Jewish agenda. As a consequence, our com-

munity is both more effectively participating in the democratic process which establishes Canadian social policy and at the same time involving those members of the community concerned about social issues who, in many instances, have not previously been involved in the traditional religious and communal structure. The Canadian Jewish Congress Law and Social Action committee must continue to move beyond the traditional Jewish agenda and to spark discussion within our community of social policy issues that pervade contemporary policy discourse.

The current mandate of the Law and Social Action Committee was established by the National Executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, upon the recommendation of Irwin Cotler. Cotler had urged the addition of social action through the legal system during his campaign for the presidency of Congress and persuaded his officers that a new national committee, albeit with a limited budget and no full-time staff, was a legitimate undertaking. These limitations on person-power and on funding have substantially curtailed the committee's effectiveness. If we are going to be effective in social action, funds comparable to those being expended by other religious groups in Canada must be allocated by the Jewish community. At the moment, "tokenism" is the proper description for our community commitment to a programme of law and social action at the national level of Canadian Jewry. Our current mandate is to represent the Canadian Jewish community to government in important areas of social policy. The committee has progressed beyond the traditional issues which affect Jews as Jews, to questions that impinge on all of us as Canadian citizens. It is my suggestion that, by broadening our committee's agenda, we have simultaneously expanded the national agenda of Canadian Jewry.

Traditionally, an issue such as the treat-

ment of the elderly within Canadian society has not been considered a Jewish issue. Yet the Jewish elderly confront the same fundamental problems as all older people. Thus our brief to Mme. Bégin, written by Yhetta Gold and Marjorie Blankstein of Winnipeg and Darrel Pink of Halifax, concentrated on the issues of mandatory retirement within the work place and public and private pension reform. The Canadian Jewish Congress not only represents the Jewish elderly when speaking on these issues, but also brings to the attention of federal and provincial politicians and policy makers the Jewish perspective on the issues of the treatment of the elderly. To quote from our brief,

It should be understood that the proposals of Canadian Jewish Congress are based on respect for the elderly and the need for the elderly to be regarded as an integral part of society as a whole. The inclusion, rather than exclusion or isolation of the elderly will benefit all Canadians as well as the elderly themselves.

The key words are respect, independence, self-help, inclusion, integration, right to choices, opportunities, awareness. These words describe Jewish attitudes towards the elderly and, based on these attitudes, Canadian Jewish Congress extends invitations and requests to the elderly themselves to become more active on their own behalf; to Canada to become more visibly responsive to the needs of the elderly; and having completed the U.N. Assembly on Aging, to the United Nations to become more knowledgeable and to encourage social changes and acceptance of the current and future status of the elderly.

Having our best minds speak to these significant social questions is an important and necessary step in the evolutionary process of the integration of the Jewish perspective into Canadian society. The organized Jewish community cannot be silent on such signifi-

cant moral questions as treatment of the elderly, the unemployed, the poor, the handicapped, women, and other minority groups in Canada.

I do not wish to belabour the obvious in arguing for a strong role for the Law and Social Action Committee within the expanding fabric of Canadian Jewish life. If we must accept the need for social action on the Jewish agenda of the 1980s, we must then address the question of how our community's mandate can best be achieved. Unlike Mr. Abrams I reject the suggestion that social action should be allocated to the National Religious Affairs Committee of Congress. The Religious Affairs Committee is well staffed, but cannot single-handedly deal with the social issues that require communal response. Although individual religious leaders have spoken from their pulpits and in the press on these issues, the Canadian Jewish Congress Religious Affairs Committee as well as the organized Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements have not taken a collective position on issues of social policy. I suggest that Abrams' recommendation that social action be approached exclusively from a religious perspective, as has been done by the Christian community, does not recognize the diversity of our religious and community leaders. Nor does it allow for participation by those alienated, unaffiliated or secular Jews that Abrams is concerned about integrating into the Jewish community. I do not believe that shifting social action to the agenda of the National Religious Affairs Committee would either halt the process of assimilation or better represent our community in submissions to government federal agencies or before the courts. One only has to ask where has the National Religious Affairs Committee been during the current Canadian debate about the Cruise missile? What, if any, position has the Committee formulated on

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nuclear disarmament since they were directed by the National officers of Congress to articulate a position on this issue? Jews should speak clearly to social action issues from a multiplicity of perspectives, and I agree with Mr. Abrams that our religious heritage must be the most significant of these perspectives.

It is disappointing, as Abrams has also stated, that no arm of the Canadian Jewish Congress — not the officers, not the Religious Affairs Committee, not the Law and Social Action Committee, or any region of Congress — has spoken out with respect to the Canadian government's policies with respect to inflation. It has been left for the Catholic bishops to attack the inequities in a social policy that fights the slow down in the economy with inflation and high unemployment. Our community has spoken timidly and infrequently on these issues, and we must encourage all areas of the Canadian Jewish Congress to address more effectively the multitude of social, economic and political issues that are currently confronting all Canadians. To be effective, Congress must address social action issues with as broadly based a coalition as possible. This must include young and old, lawyer and non-lawyer, Orthodox and atheist. Only a strengthened Law and Social Action Committee can effectively represent the broad spectrum of Canadian Jewry and speak persuasively to the political, social, and moral issues which are at the core of Canadian public policy.

Let me stress briefly why Canadian Jewish Congress has been obliged to add advocacy and particularly community advocacy to its structure, albeit belatedly. The last two decades have seen the growth of consumer advocacy; community education; and public interest litigation. This growth or expansion of community development to include the legal system has taken place outside of the Jewish community. Although many of our community leaders are and have been lawyers, it was not until 1980 that Congress recognized the necessity to use our legal expertise with respect to issues of concern to

the community. During the Cotler presidency, the community has become much more involved with the legal system. The Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress has recently hired two staff lawyers to work on projects involving anti-semitism. Similarly, Congress has actively intervened and lobbied with respect to changing Canadian legislation regarding the prosecution of war criminals.

To present our case effectively, we must combine the work of our committed volunteers with the expertise of staff lawyers. With the entrenchment of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms the potential for effecting social policy and educating the public is now available through the courts. Although I was not an advocate of the Charter and do not believe that the judiciary can or should fundamentally change Canadian society, I have no doubt that the Canadian Charter of Rights will generate a considerable number of significant cases which will demand responses by the courts and the democratic process. Staff lawyers can be employed to prepare briefs to federal and provincial Human Rights Commissions and to participate in litigation which is defining the rights of all Canadians. It is imperative that the Jewish community participate in the formulation of new social contracts and that we bring our values and heritage to bear on the public discussions — whether they be in the courts, in the media or in the House of Commons. Such participation requires a sophisticated partnership of all the leaders of the Jewish community. In Congress, it must not be a question of either the Law and Social Action Committee or the National Religious Affairs Committee, but rather a unified and strengthened voice which emanates from the highest level of Congress — a voice demanding social justice and social action not only for the Jewish community, but for all Canadians.

Fred Zemans
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A Response

The Global Issues

The National Religious Department of Canadian Jewish Congress is one of the most important structures within the Congress organization. Its scope of activities include both an inter-synagogal dimension and a program for interreligious relations in Canada.

The inter-synagogal dimension focuses on global issues of concern to the synagogue community, regardless of denominational affiliation. Survival of the Jewish family continues to be one of its highest priorities. In practical terms, this transmits itself in the work of the Commission on the Family and Marriage, chaired by Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, which has organized conferences on Jewish singles and divorce in the past years. The Conference on Jewish Singles resulted in the formation of an umbrella organization for Jewish singles and is now giving its attention to the founding of the Personal Acquaintance Service for Jews. The Commission will be publishing and distributing a resource book on intermarriage and organizing a national conference on survival of the Jewish family. Other issues being dealt with in a synagogal context include the continuing problem of cults and missionary groups, the promotion of Boy and Girl Scout Religion in Life program and the formation of Scout chapters in synagogues, committees on Aging and the Aged, and outreach to the disabled and intellectually handicapped through the Project Mitzvah program.

In the field of interreligious relations, the National Religious Department is viewed as the sole official representative body for the Jewish community of Canada, both by the Government and by the various church denominations. The National Religious Department represents the Jewish community on a number of commissions and coalitions working in this field, including the National Tripartite Liaison Committee, the

sub-committee on Anglican/Jewish relations and a number of official committees on Christian/Jewish relations with other denominations (including the United Church, Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army and others).

The National Religious Department is responsible through its representation on CBC and CRTC Religious Advisory Boards for ensuring that there is balance of religious programming in Canada which does not put the Jewish community at a disadvantage proportional to other religious communities. These representatives are concerned about the quantity and content of religious programming in this country.

Representatives of the National Religious Department continue to work in consultation with church officials on the elimination of prejudicial and stereotypic images in liturgies and religious school text books.

Our Department continues to be consulted by Government offices as well on numerous issues, including the Protestant and Catholic School Commission committees on moral and religious instruction.

The National Religious Department has also been successful in providing information to Christian religious leadership on the importance of Israel for Jews. Many of the clergy who meet regularly with the National Religious Department leadership continue to be strong supporters of the Jewish cause and are valuable allies of Israel.

We are honoured inasmuch as we have been able to successfully impress upon the non-Jewish community the important role played by Canadian Jewish Congress as the official representative body of the Jewish community in Canada.

Moe Seidman
Chairman,
Religious Affairs Committee

Letters to the Editor

28 Feb. 1983

How encouraging it is to see the Jewish press open itself to a less simplistic discussion of the issues that concern us. As Naim Kattan pointed out in his interview with your reporter, freedom of expression in the Jewish press will succeed in attracting thinking writers and readers.

I particularly wish to compliment Michael Marrus for his balanced perspective on anti-semitism in France. One can only hope that more thoughtful pieces of this sort will at least give pause to the bandwagon mentality that has characterized much of the recent reaction to events.

It was, therefore, unfortunate to see Irving Abella's otherwise thoughtful piece on dissent seriously marred by a broadside attack on unnamed people for unnamed "scurrilous" offences committed under unnamed circumstances. The need to forego footnotes does not excuse bad journalism.

Abella seems to be suggesting that only those Jews who actively participate in the community organizations, attend synagogue and make contributions to Israel — who have, in other words, Abella-recognized credentials — should be allowed the luxury of dissent from a majority position. This amounts to free speech for the chosen elite, or, to paraphrase one who thought a great deal about such strictures, some free speakers are more equal than others.

Yours sincerely,
Erna Paris
Toronto

31 March 1983

The problem is not so much one of "bad journalism" as it is of bad reading. Had Ms. Paris read my article with any alertness she would undoubtedly have noted that I do not object to dissent; indeed, in at least seven different paragraphs, I specifically encourage it. What I do object to — and somehow this seems to have eluded her — is that "tiny segment" who only becomes Jewish to attack Israel. These people never sign petitions as Jews for nuclear disarmament, peace, native rights, etc. Only to condemn Israel do they publicly identify themselves as Jews.

Ms. Paris is either being silly or mischievous to see this as an attack on free speech. As individuals — even as groups — these activists have every right to denounce Israel or anything else they want. And, of

course, they do. However, since some of those who have signed the most vicious anti-Israel petitions over the past few years as "Jews" do not see themselves as Jews — indeed, one or two have even converted — and since many belong to political sects which are hostile to the very existence of a Jewish state I was simply questioning their motives. If this is, in Paris' peculiar description, a "broadside attack", it is no less than they deserve.

Sincerely,
Irving Abella
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THE TEST by Ray Shankman

*I read how you Abraham
saddled your own ass
and bound your own son
simply it is told
you were taking your son
your only son who you loved up
to study TORAH*

*What is this movement
of sacrifice? Do we know the tears:
yours, Isaac's, Sara's?
How you have to go out and up
for the word and then that knife!
the hand raised*

*the angel staying it
leaving my story suspended
shattered by an innocent ear
and a small voice,
"Would you do that, Daddy?"*

Who Voted for Hitler and Why

By Richard Hamilton

From what strata in German society did the National Socialists draw their growing electoral support in the fateful few years before 1933? How was their message articulated and spread to the German public? What was the role of anti-Semitism in this electoral message? This essay will shed light on these questions, through an examination of voting results, newspaper reports, and post-war memoirs in one middle-sized German city, Braunschweig, in 1932. I shall argue that support for the National Socialists was stronger in upper middle class areas of the city; that nationalism and anti-Marxism, rather than anti-Semitism, were the major elements of their electoral propaganda, which was tailored to appeal to practically all segments of the voting public; that supportive reporting and editorials by a respected newspaper were instrumental in spreading the message to the voters.

Braunschweig, the state, consisted of a cluster of "islands" completely surrounded

by Prussia. It was located in north-central Germany, midway between the Ruhr and Berlin. Braunschweig, the city, with a population of 146,840 persons, was the 34th largest in the nation in 1933. Braunschweig was in some ways unique, compared to other smaller cities. It was, first of all, the capital city of this "dwarf" state, Braunschweig. Moreover in early 1932 Braunschweig was the only state in Germany with National Socialists (NSDAP) in the government and the party's leverage there allowed them, just prior to the presidential election, to secure German citizenship for the Austrian Adolf Hitler. But these differences were largely effects, the consequences of a significant prior NSDAP vote.

I. The Vote

Three elections in 1932 illustrate the depth of support for Hitler's party in Braunschweig. In the first round of the presidential elections in March, the NSDAP received 36.6% of the Braunschweig vote; in the second round in April, they received 42.4%, and in the Reichstag elections in July, 43.5% (By comparison, the NSDAP vote in the July election throughout Germany was 37.3%).

A study of the official Braunschweig election results by electoral district enables us to determine the relative support for the NSDAP across social classes. For over fifty

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years now, the standard claim with respect to National Socialist (NSDAP) electoral support, the major line of explanation for their extraordinary victories in the early thirties, is one that has focused on the economically hard-pressed lower middle class. Suffering a loss of position, facing imminent "proletarianization," they were moved, so it is said, by the appeals of NSDAP demagogues. That movement, of course, meant the abandonment of the "responsible" parties of the political center. It also meant clearly, a withdrawal of support for the Weimar regime. My recent work, *Who Voted for Hitler?* (Princeton, University Press 1982), showed this line of explanation to be without substantial foundation, that is to say, the case had never been demonstrated through examination of the readily-available voting data for Germany's largest cities. My study of the experience in fourteen of the nation's largest cities, allowing for some difficulties with inadequate data bases, showed a fairly general, different pattern; the strongest support for Hitler's party, with only a few exceptions, came from the *best-off* areas in those cities.

A similar pattern existed in Braunschweig. On the day following each of those three elections, anyone analyzing the results would have been obliged to focus on this key finding — that the support for Hitler in the city's 76 districts was greatest in the seven well-off districts, reaching 70% in some cases! (The proportionately small upper and upper middle class of Braunschweig, even with its heavy support for Hitler, could only have provided a small part of the total NSDAP vote. Most of the actual votes for Hitler came from the more numerous lower middle class, and even more important, from the still larger working class.)

In contrast to the other German cities, however, the distinctive feature of the Braunschweig results is this unusually high level of NSDAP voting in the upper middle class districts, with few such districts elsewhere showing majority support. To account for this result one must look for some cause, for some "input" in those districts that was not present in equivalent districts elsewhere. One likely possibility, is a newspaper recommendation. In general, where the local press gave Hitler and his party favorable treatment, even without a direct recommendation, the party gained an above-average share of the vote. Where the NSDAP faced serious newspaper opposition (apart from that found in the Social Democratic and Communist press), the party did rather poorly. Before considering the specifics, however, a few general comments will prove useful.

II. The Press

The average German voter of the early 1930's had a limited range of news sources available. There were no mass circulation news magazines; there was, for example, no equivalent to the post-World War II magazine *Der Spiegel*. There was, of course, no television. Radio did exist but the number of receivers was relatively small; even very well-off families were without radios for two simple reasons — a limited range of programs and the poor quality of reception. Rather than thinking in terms of mass media then, the discussion must be narrowed to a single medium, the press, and even more specifically in most instances to a single local daily newspaper. For all practical purposes, the link, the single connection between the voter and the entire outside world was provided by that newspaper. And that, in turn, would mean that a newspaper could have a considerable unchecked influence on the reader's consciousness, both as a "gatekeeper" (that is, in the selection and "tailoring" of the news) and as a trusted advisor when, at election times it made recommendations.

The *Braunschweigische Landeszeitung* (hereafter BLZ, 1932 circulation 16,000) was thought to have been the most important journal in the city, this by virtue of its history as the state's leading conservative organ; it was also the official journal of the state. It seems likely that the BLZ would have been the most widely-read newspaper among the upper middle class citizens of the city. Its coverage of the elections of the 1930's is revealing.

In the Reichstag election of September 1930, when the National Socialists achieved their first major national victory, going from 12 to 107 seats, the BLZ was most concerned with the formation of a united front against the "Marxist parties". In editorials, the



NSDAP was portrayed sympathetically as a worthy member of this coalition. "The National Socialists," they said are "predominantly former front soldiers between thirty and forty years of age who are campaigning in our home community for seats as representatives of the proletariat. In contrast to the unapproachable Social Democratic feudal lords, they stand in the midst of practical life, in the midst of work and in the struggle for existence."

Only a few months later, the newspaper changed its intensity to become an ardent supporter of National Socialist aspirations. The date of the change may be given with some precision; December 11, 1930, a day in which Adolf Hitler made an appearance in the city. The *Landeszeitung* reported as follows:

"It was once again demonstrated that Adolf Hitler, without doubt, is the greatest living German orator. The Hitler evening culminated in a profound and wide-ranging, nevertheless above all, popular address. One felt clearly the inner calling of this man. One admired his unparalleled ability to arouse even the most intrepid skeptic, even to carry him away. And out of the ardor of the National Socialist freedom movement, (he has) again aroused his loyal supporters and filled them with new fighting spirit."

At the time of the 1932 elections, the *Landeszeitung* was, for all practical purposes, a National Socialist party newspaper. On March 7th, the Monday prior to the first round of the Presidential election, the front page was filled with National Socialist coverage. On Friday, the 11th, the first page was again dominated by material reporting on or favoring the NSDAP (e.g., an open letter of the NSDAP to the Reich's Minister of the Interior, a news story reporting on "Railroad Workers for Hitler," etc.). The Sunday (election day) edition amounts to one long enthusiastic paean for Hitler. The basic lesson is clear from the first page headline: "Away with Bruening (the Reich's Chancellor) and His System! Do Your National Duty: Vote Adolf Hitler!" This is followed by three column sub-heading and editorial: "Hindenburg or Hitler?" The newspaper declared its opposition to "Profiteering and Corruption!" In contrast, they placed an emphasis on Adolf Hitler's "People's Community."

The last paragraph of this editorial, set in

larger type and containing additional emphasis, declares that: "Bruening's system is destined to collapse! Germany, in the final analysis, has only the choice between Bolshevism or the Reich's spiritual and popular renewal through the national freedom and unity movement whose leader is Adolf Hitler. Therefore vote for the leader of the national front!" Underneath, on a separate line, with still larger type, one again found the major lesson: "Vote Hitler."

The enthusiasm expressed for Hitler by the *Landeszeitung* in the second round of the presidential election exceeded that of the first. On the Friday before the election (April 8th), a page three account gives three columns to Adolf Hitler's "Flight Over Germany", this being a report of his dramatic innovation, the use of an airplane in the campaign. One headline tells of "Victory upon Victory" (*Sieg auf Sieg*).

The Saturday edition, on page one, came out with the obvious, clear, unambiguous recommendation. The headlines read as follows, "Vote National! Vote Adolf Hitler!" "Germans! Remember Now!" "The Task is to Settle Accounts with the Guilty Social Democracy!" The three columns of the front page were given over to Hitler's latest statement. This consisted of a heavy and continuous thrust vis-à-vis the Social Democrats beginning with their "Treason" of 1918. Most of the rest of the paper communicated the sense of a great national rising for Hitler.

The Sunday edition of the newspaper continued in the same vein. The front page editorial began with the headline: "Braunschweiger! Vote Adolf Hitler!" There were many testimonials for Hitler and his party.

The Monday edition of the paper announced the lead headline: "The Triumph of the People's Community." The editorial was devoted to: "The Victory of an Idea!" A subheading announced a "Vote Increase for Hitler in All Election Districts." It was only as something of an after-thought that they announced the principal result of the election — "Hindenburg Re-Elected."

There was no state election in Braunschweig at the time of the Prussian and other state elections, those falling later in April, on the 24th. There was, however, a continuation of this Hitler enthusiasm in the reports of those other elections. On April 21st, the *Landeszeitung* told of the thousands who had

marched on the previous day, this in remembrance of Hitler's birthday. Their recommendation to those voting in those other states was that they too could have a government "following the Braunschweig model..."

The July Reichstag election reports contained some significant differences in emphasis and in recommendation.

In contrast to the previous elections, the Communists and Socialists are portrayed as engaged in a series of violent — and cowardly — attacks on the National Socialists, the street clashes in Altona in mid-July figuring prominently here. Some typical headlines: "The Planned Surprise Attacks on National Socialists," "Reichsbanner People Shoot Down S.A. People," "Prison for Armed Communists," "Marxist Surprise Attacks," "Communist Snipers," "Daily Marxist Surprise Attacks," "Surprise Attack by Reichsbanner People on National Socialists," "Many Badly Wounded."

The recommendation of the *Landeszeitung* in this last election was rather unspecific. No longer was it a direct recommendation of Hitler. Instead, the recommendation was: "Choose the Candidates of the National Front!" It was reported many times throughout the last days of the campaign. On Monday, their report of the result was embellished with these headlines: "The System Overthrown!" "Victory of the National Opposition Over the System-Parties." And, "Adolf Hitler calls to New Struggle."

At the point of the July Reichstag election, the regular readers of the *Landeszeitung* had received four major "doses" of National Socialist recommendation. One major theme or lesson, one perhaps not immediately obvious in the foregoing, was that Germany stood on the edge of revolution. The daily reports on violence all had a "direction" to them — Communists and Socialists (or, with some indifference, Marxists) were attacking the persons and institutions of traditional Germany.

The message conveyed by the press coverage was that leftists were also attacking, in a cowardly manner, the SA and the members of the NSDAP. The latter, however, were heroically carrying on their effort of national defense — and of national renewal. The lesson, in brief, was that this party, the NSDAP and its fighting arm, the Sturmabteilung (Storm Troopers), was all that stood between Germany and some "Marxist" chaos. If one accepted the terms of the analysis, a vote for the party seemed the obvious course of action. None of the floundering bourgeois parties would be able to provide any serious defense, either of Germany or of bourgeois interests.

It would be a mistake to see the election outcomes as determined solely by newspaper comment and recommendation (or, at one remove, by newspapers as screened and interpreted in individual calculations and assessments). One must also consider the possible influence of informal or person-to-person communication. Unfortunately, unlike the black-on-white record of the newspapers, records of informal contacts at all times, of course, are extremely limited. Hence, much of what follows must be viewed as hypothetical, as speculative.

The NSDAP was an extremely active political organization, on occasion holding more meetings than all other parties combined. The party, moreover, campaigned at all times, not just during elections. This means that the party itself was a major or "mass" means of communication. The frequency of their activity in Braunschweig is attested to by their holding five meetings in a three-day period, that in the course of the first presidential election. It would be easy to think of that effort as one reaching out to the "lower middle class", but, judging by the announced topics, it is clear that they at least aimed for a much larger audience. It would be no exaggeration to say that something was available for every group, for every interest and taste. At one of the five meetings, for example, it was announced that Schubert's B Major Trio would be played, that to be followed by a speech on "Adolf Hitler and German Culture."

As an example of their election appeal, just before the July Reichstag election, the NSDAP held a mass meeting in which three speakers from rather diverse backgrounds attested to the merits of Hitler and his party. The meeting was opened by Dr. Hesse, the local NSDAP leader. He first introduced a

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worker, Emil Sandrock, a one time leftist who had now found a new political faith. Sandrock touched on several themes, among them that "National Socialism is to be thanked that Communism has not yet gained the upper hand in Germany. The bourgeois parties would not have been able to master the Communist terror; their readiness to form coalitions with the SPD has been their death. The SPD has done nothing more than to plunge the German people into misery. The result is six million unemployed. The day of reckoning is approaching and it will be seen to that the 600,000 Galizian Jews will be expelled from Germany." He warned the "Marxists" against a possible general strike, indicating a strong NSDAP reaction to such a move.

The second speaker, Herman Vahldiek, was a member of the Braunschweig state legislature, originally elected on the "Bourgeois Unity List." He was a master baker and president of the state's *Handwerkerbund* (Artisans' league). He was also a recent convert to National Socialism. His presentation dealt with many of the familiar "middle class" themes, for example, that the German *Mittelstand* stood on the edge of the grave. Most of his address dealt with the grounds for his recent conversion, his argument being that the other parties had done nothing for the middle class; they had all failed.

The third speaker was a man who, for some at least, would have stood very close to the pinnacle of Germany's status hierarchy. It was Prince August Wilhelm, son of the last Kaiser. His comments were reported as follows: "With immense patience, the German people have for 14 years allowed themselves to be ruled. Now we have the great, wonderful movement, the NSDAP, which all these years fought the 'System' and brought enlightenment to the people. Each individual National Socialist is only a member in the Brown Front and (Prince August Wilhelm) declared he joins the ranks without presumption and, with thanks, subordinates himself under the little corporal of World War ... Adolf Hitler is doing his duty with sheer superhuman powers, something he could not do without the feeling that he is the instrument of a higher Power. He has given the people once again a faith in the Fatherland ..." After the prolonged applause there followed the singing of the Horst Wessel Lied and then a three-fold "Sieg-Heil" for Adolf Hitler.

The lesson to be drawn from this discussion is that the NSDAP "message" reached citizens through both formal and informal means of communication. The details of the "information" flows, in both cases, unfortunately, are lost to history. Which citizens read the *Landeszeitung* for example, is a question that cannot be definitely established. Yet what is being argued is that the high level of support in the upper middle class area is consonant with the claim that they were moved by the *Landeszeitung* and/or by contacts with the NSDAP, either through attendance at meetings or possibly through direct personal approaches.

Anti-Semitism and the Jews of Braunschweig

The unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust have led some observers to conclude that anti-Semitism must have played a decisive role in the National Socialist electoral campaigns of the late 1920's and early 1930's. The record for that period is however more complex; consider again the case of Braunschweig.

There, as in most urban settings of Germany, the principal theme in the NSDAP propaganda arsenal (the press and meetings) was "anti-Marxism", a stress that made no distinction between Communists and Social Democrats. The 1933 census reported 682 Jews living in the city; remarkably little anti-Semitism appears in the documentary record. Two books by the leading scholarly authority on this period makes only a few passing reference to anti-Semitism in the city, the most serious of these involving opposition to a Jewish appointment to a State court, a clear case of anti-Semitism. The attacks came from the National Socialists; otherwise, that author reports, no open discussion of the question appeared. That was in 1928, thereafter no mentions of anti-Semitism appear in those volumes until after the party came to power in January 1933.

In the mid 1960's, the city archive brought out a memorial volume for its Jews, *Braunschweig-Judaica*, among other things

containing memoirs written by a handful of survivors. The most frequent mentions of anti-Semitism appear in an account written by a son of the Community's Rabbi. He reports that the noisy, crude anti-Semitism of the 1880's had long since been overcome; he recounts a joint Christian-Jewish effort to aid the victims of the Russian pogroms in 1905. The family lived next to the synagogue, in the center of the city, which also meant in the midst of a working-class neighborhood. There, he reports, anti-Semitic hostilities had not disappeared. A laundry-woman, for example, a regular visitor in the house, firmly believed the tales of ritual murder. Not infrequently, his family was greeted by anti-Semitic cat calls, this being especially the case on holidays when well-dressed members appeared in the neighborhood to attend services. A close friend from the Gymnasium, this time an "educated" person of "good family," announced one day that although he did not favor anti-Semitism he did feel that the influence of Jews in Germany and on German culture was unfavorable.

Beyond these occasional expressions, however, nothing more serious was reported; there were no attacks, no violence. The basic sense, as indicated, was that these attitudes were "leftovers" from a previous era, views that were destined to disappear with education and time. There was no sense of impending doom. Ironically, Judaism faced a much more serious problem in Braunschweig, again prior to 1933, this pointing in a different direction, that being the problem of conversion. A Jewish reading circle broke

up when one member, a prominent doctor, had his children baptized. The president of the Jewish community in Braunschweig also had his children baptized and, nevertheless, year after year continued in office, this because of his exceptional connections and influence in the Christian community. The rabbi's son traced the beginnings of his Zionism to this assimilation process, and the related decline of Judaism in Germany.

Another memoir, one appearing only recently, recounts the experience of a young woman growing up in Braunschweig. Her family lived in an elegant upper middle class area of the city, just opposite a large park. She was eleven years old, when, during a stay in the country, she first discovered anti-Semitism. In Braunschweig itself, her experience was very positive — doors were open and she was accepted everywhere. Writing many years later, she reports that even after Hitler had been in office for several weeks no special sense of alarm was felt. She did not remember that the subject was much discussed.

The Braunschweig experience was not exceptional. It goes against the expectation of a general anti-Semitism, one accompanied by frequent acts of serious violence by Storm Troopers, prior to Hitler's coming to power. There were undoubtedly, areas where that was the case — Streicher's campaigns in Nuremberg being the most obvious. Anti-Semitism as a basic campaign theme was also reported in the rural areas of Hesse and in some North Sea resort areas.

The National Socialists, as everyone knows, were extremely opportunistic. Al-

though "everyone knows" that, the implication is less well known or only infrequently recognized. Basically the party operated with a vast assortment, with almost any theme, any they thought would serve their demagogic purpose. Where many scholars look for an "ideology" and try to find "essential" or "fundamental" beliefs, Joseph Goebbels was saying the National Socialists must be able to "ride in all saddles". On another occasion referring to the "unchangeable" points of the party programme, he said that if it had been up to him, they would not have had any programme at all. Linked to virtuoso opportunism was a careful "feedback" arrangement of public reactions to the themes presented at party meetings, which were communicated to party headquarters in Munich. Thus, where they discovered hostile reactions to anti-Semitic overtures, the subject was dropped and others emphasized.

For most of their actual or potential clientele, as far as we can tell, the major attraction was anti-Marxism". The destruction of the "Marxist" parties and trade unions came in the first months of the regime. The turn of the Jews came a few years later.

What became of Braunschweig's Jewish community? A few of its members went to Palestine. Some escaped to the United States, to England, Sweden, Australia, Southern Rhodesia, and South Africa. Some were reported later as living in Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, and Uruguay. The rest were murdered — in Majdanek, Treblinka, Auschwitz, Lager 21, and elsewhere.

Folktales of the Canadian Sephardim

By Andre Elbaz

In the past 25 years, about 15,000 Moroccan Sephardim have immigrated to Canada. They have settled mainly in Montreal and Toronto, where they have created vibrant new communities, and have rapidly integrated themselves, both socially and economically.

The term "Sephardim" originally referred to the descendants of Jews who lived in Spain and Portugal before the expulsion of 1492. However, today, all Jews living around the Mediterranean Basin consider themselves as Sephardim, either because their ancestors were Spanish or Portuguese exiles, or because they identify themselves with the Sephardim, whose traditions they have adopted. The Sephardic traditions (culture and liturgy) of the ancient Moroccan Jewish community differ in many ways from those of the Canadian established Ashkenazi community.

Moroccan Sephardim have a rich oral literature, which is still alive among the older members of the community, and represents the only fiction they ever had, since they were cut off from the mainstream of Western culture and Belles-Lettres up to the beginning of the XXth century. Thus it constitutes an imaginary universe which reveals their specific culture and their way of life. In the past, it represented a kind of symbolic language which revealed the true soul of the people. Throughout the centuries, a vast body of folktales and legends, passed down from one generation to the next by parents and grand-parents, or by rabbis and preachers, eventually became a natural form of expression of the traditional Moroccan Jewish community and its culture. Basically, the folktale became a kind of depository of the old wisdom of past generations, conveying the deep aspirations, the religious and mythical beliefs, as well as the customs and traditions which constituted the collective consciousness of Moroccan Sephardim. In these legends, 'tzadikim' are exalted because they are privileged witnesses of God and of his Torah. For the traditional raconteur as well as for his audience, these are true stories whose primary purpose is to explain, to

illustrate and to confirm traditional Jewish values. The eminence and the supernatural powers of the 'tzadik' have a divine origin. He is the only mediator between man and God. Therefore the traditional narrator does not consider himself as a mere entertainer. He primarily wants to teach, to moralize, and even to preach. In other words, legends of the 'tzadikim' have essentially an educational function. They propose to the audience models to be imitated and clearly warn

potential transgressors against breaking rules of religion and ancestral tradition.

Unfortunately, most young Sephardim are becoming anglicized, due to the confessional nature of the school system in Quebec. The Moroccan Sephardic heritage of their parents is becoming alien to them and they are gradually abandoning the traditions of their ancestors. It is not surprising then that these young people often do not know any folktales, as they have never had the opportunity



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in Canada to attend a story-telling session in their family milieu. This widespread ignorance of the young in this domain is certainly not a healthy sign for the survival of the folk literature of Moroccan Sephardim in Canada. Extensive field-work and scholarly research are urgently needed if this distinctive part of the Canadian Jewish heritage is to be saved from oblivion.

The following tales are taken from a collection of 80 folktales collected in Canada and translated by the author, on behalf of the Canadian Centre for Folk Culture Studies of the National Museum of Man. It is to be published shortly by Fitzhenry and Whiteside, in Toronto, under the title: Folktales of the Canadian Sephardim."

Rabbi Mordekhai Benjio Renders Justice to an Arab

This tale was collected from Mr. Meyer Benmergui in Judeo-Spanish. Mr. Benmergui, originally from Tangier, is about 60 years old and now lives in Toronto.

I remember that people in Tangier used to tell the true story of Rabbi Mordekhai Benjio, the Just. He acted as a judge within the Jewish community, and his verdicts were as respected as those of a king.

One day, a Jew who was doing business with a Moslem decided to steal from him. You must remember that in former days there were neither contracts, nor accounting. Business dealings were made by word of mouth and based on mutual confidence. The unfortunate Moslem tried to obtain satisfaction by appealing to the Jewish merchant's sense of honour, but the latter denied ever having had any dealings with him. The Moslem asked the Cadi for justice, but the Cadi could do nothing for he had no proof.

Finally, one of his Jewish neighbours advised the Moslem to go and see Rabbi Mordekhai Benjio, a wise and honest man, who would certainly be able to obtain justice for him. "How can I place my confidence in another Jew, after the way the merchant has behaved? This rabbi will certainly favour a man of his own religion!" he replied in despair.

However, seeing no other way out, he went to the house of Rabbi Mordekhai Benjio, but with a sinking heart. After listening to what he had to say, the rabbi asked him to come back in a week's time. The Moslem left, not very hopeful.

When he returned the following week, the rabbi had also called in the Jewish merchant. Rabbi Mordekhai Benjio took the latter aside, and whispered to him: "Listen, hide this money well from this Moslem and, above all, go on denying categorically that you took anything from him!"

"Rabbi, I love you dearly!" replied the scoundrel. "That's exactly what I've been doing!"

"Aha, you wretch!" cried the judge, in indignation. "Go right away and fetch the stolen money, and give it back to your victim!"

The Flying Lion of the Rab of Tlemcen

This legend was collected, in French, from Mrs. Julie Elbaz, the author's mother, in Ottawa. Mrs. Elbaz, originally from Tlemcen, lived in Fez and Tlemcen. She is now 75 years old.

Tzadik Rabbi Ephraim AlnKaoua, led a miraculous life. Fleeing from religious persecutions with his brother, he sought refuge in Algeria. His brother stayed in Mostaganem, but the rabbi settled in Tlemcen with his black slave, Sosso Alibas. Sosso Alibas is buried in Algiers, and Jews make pilgrimages to his grave, although he was not a Jew.

On the road to Tlemcen, the Rabbi was taken unawares one Friday night, by the arrival of the Sabbath. He could not continue his journey. So as not to profane the Sabbath, he drew a circle with his stick in which he settled down to spend the holy day. In the evening, he made his *kiddush* with bread because he had no wine with him. After supper, he went peacefully to sleep.

In the middle of the night, he was awakened by the roaring of an enormous lion who came towards his circle. The Rab was very frightened, but the lion addressed him, saying, "Do not be frightened! Continue to sleep in peace. I will be there to watch over your slumbers."

The Rab went back to sleep. The next evening, as soon as the Sabbath was over, the Rab got ready to leave. The lion knelt down, and the Rab climbed onto his back. The lion immediately flew off, and the Rab reached



A recent North African Sephardic festival was the minouna; on the last night of Passover, the home is thrown open to guests, who partake of traditionally made and served sweets. Shown at this minounas, hosted by Kfar Shalem Chief Rabbi Ben-Harush [second from right] are, from left, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, Ofira and Yitzhak Navon, and MK Dov Ben Meir. [Uzi Keren photo]

Tlemcen in record time. There, he took up residence and performed many miracles. To reward the town of Tlemcen for having welcomed him, he prayed that lightning might never fall on its houses, and the Rab's prayer has protected the town like a lightning conductor ever since! At his death, the Rab was buried in Tlemcen, and his faithful lion was buried near him, in a neighbouring grave.

Among his miracles, I particularly remember the case of a woman from Mostaganem who had been childless for ten years and who had been advised to spend the night in prayer near the *tzadik's* tomb. She was suddenly awakened from sleep, terrified for a snake had wound itself around her body. The snake calmed her, saying:

"Tomorrow, you can go home. Next year, you will come back here with a child."

"If I really have that happiness, I shall come back every year with my son to make this pilgrimage," she replied in delight.

Well, the following year, she came back to Tlemcen with a fine baby. She had an ox slaughtered to offer a feast in the Rab's honour, and she distributed alms. I knew this woman when I was living in Tlemcen.

The Treasure of the Magic Icon

This tale was collected in Montreal from Rabbi Ya'ich Revah, now deceased. Rabbi Revah came from Skoura, in Southern Morocco, and he spoke only Judeo-Arabic. He was 84 years old.

A poor peddler of second-hand goods went from town to town to ply his meagre trade.

One day, he bought an old icon from a Christian woman. At that time, Christians used pictures that were sometimes encrusted with silver, or even gold and precious stones. Returning home, the peddler was preparing to break the icon to recover the precious metal it contained. Just as he was lifting his hammer, the icon stopped him, saying:

"Don't break me! Don't break me! I'll give you everything you want."

"Who are you?" asked the peddler, in surprise. "How can you give me anything?"

"It's very simple. If you leave me intact, you will find 200 duros near me every morning!"

This suggestion pleased the poor man who reflected: "If I sell it after pulling it apart, it will only bring me 50 or 60 duros at most."

He therefore decided to spare the icon for two weeks. And, every morning, he indeed found 200 duros near the icon. He extended the stay of the execution. After a month, the icon made a new request:

"Listen! If you place me on a small pedestal, you will find 400 duros each morning instead of 200!"

"Four hundred duros! I'll build you a pedestal immediately!"

In short, the peddler gradually began to tolerate idolatry in his house without realizing it. At the end of another month, the icon asked him to build it an altar:

"If you do as I say, you shall have 1,000 duros every morning!"

The peddler became very rich and bought half the houses in the town. People called him the new millionaire.

Now, at that time, Rabbi Yossia Pinto was the Sultan of the Rif, the province in which the peddler lived. Actually, the Rif bears the name of Rabbi Yossia Pinto: R.I.F. simply stands for R.(abbi) Y.(ossia) P.(into)! Rabbi Yossia Pinto was an ancestor of Rabbi Haim Pinto, of Mogador. As Sultan of the region Rabbi Yossia — May peace be with him! — toured round visiting his subjects. He came to the town where the peddler lived and was well received by the leading citizens. He wanted to meet this extraordinary Jew who had become so rich, though no one knew how.

When the latter told him just what had happened, Rabbi Yossia Pinto immediately realized that it was a case of idolatry. May God deliver us from Evil!

"Your whole fortune comes from an impure source," he told him. "It is the product of idolatry. Now, I know that you are a pious man, and so you will have to choose: a fortune in the fleeting life of this world, or eternal bliss in the World to Come?"

"Rabbi," replied the peddler, thunderstruck, "I will follow all your advice, and do what you think best."

"This is what you must do. Within a year, you must have sold off all your possessions. You will place the money thus obtained in a box, and you will embark on a ship. When you are out at sea, you will throw the box overboard, and you will then say the following blessing:

"Blessed by He who makes idolatry disappear from the surface of the earth! Don't worry, I will give you enough to live on decently until the end of your days."

The unfortunate peddler, greatly concerned, agreed, and did everything he had been told. The Sultan then sent him a modest sum every month to meet his needs, but the peddler was unhappy for he had grown accustomed to luxury. However, he continued to receive a magnificent fish every Friday for the Sabbath meal, which a fisherman brought him personally. One Friday morning, the fisherman cast his line as usual, and hauled in a large, half-rotten fish. He threw it back into the water and went to fish further away. He again caught the rotten fish! He changed places, impossible to get rid of this diabolical fish. Finally, as it was getting late, he decided to take the half-rotten fish to the peddler, since there were no others:

"He'll eat the edible part, and throw away the rest!"

In cleaning the fish, the peddler found a box full of diamonds in its innards. Very worried, he ran to see Rabbi Yossia, and asked if he should not throw the box back into the sea like the previous one.

Rabbi Yossia Pinto reassured him: "No, no, my son, this time it is God who sends you this treasure to reward you for your faith, and to console you for your great sacrifice in throwing the fruits of idolatry into the sea. You can now keep this treasure and enjoy it as you will. You have well earned it!"

The Sultan and the Psalms

This tale was collected from Mr. Maurice Cohen, in Quebec City. Mr. Cohen, aged about 65 years, comes from Fez, and presented this tale in French, as an actual happening, which had been told him by a trustworthy and reliable relation, in Fez.

This story comes from Fez, about 1912, when France moved into Morocco. At this time, modern firearms were very scarce, and the finest gift a French officer could offer a Sultan or a Pasha was a high-precision rifle.

One day, the Sultan was sitting on the balcony of his palace at Bab el Makina — which still exists to-day — preparing to receive a senior officer of the French army. The officer arrived, and offered the Sultan, according to Moroccan custom, a fine present, namely, an ultra-modern gun.

The Sultan was anxious to try out the gun immediately, and the officer loaded it thinking that his host would shoot into the air. But, at that time, I must tell you, a man's life was worth no more than that of an insect to a Sultan. So, to the great astonishment of the French officer, the Sultan took the gun, raised it to his shoulder, aimed at a man passing by some distance away, and pulled the trigger. The rifle did not fire! The Sultan, very much annoyed, accused the officer of giving him a faulty gun. The officer took the gun, fired into the air, and out flew a bullet. He fired a second time; again, the gun worked perfectly. The Sultan took it once more, once more aimed at the same passer-by, and fired. The gun did not go off! He tried again, but in vain. He then fired into the air, and the gun went off!

Intrigued by this mystery, the Sultan ordered his guard to bring him the passer-by he had aimed at. Several horsemen immediately went to fetch the fellow whom they brought, trembling with fear, to the sovereign. He was a poor and very old Jewish workman who had been slowly walking to work by the palace windows, as he did every morning. He prostrated himself before the Sultan and humbly asked what he had done to deserve such treatment. The Sultan helped him up and tried to discover what he had been doing during his walk.

Not knowing what the Sultan wanted from him, the Jew replied simply:

"Ya Sidi, I was doing nothing. I was quietly walking to work."

"But were you really doing nothing special?" insisted the Sultan.

"Ya Sidi, as everyday during this long walk, so as not to lose time, I fill my thoughts by reciting the psalms in Hebrew. I whisper them, as-is the custom of our wise men."

"Do you know them by heart then?" asked the Sultan in astonishment.

"Yes, I've known the whole book of psalms by heart ever since I began reciting them."

The Sultan reflected for a time, then offered the old man a handsome present, and bade him farewell in these words:

"Good-bye, pious old man. To-day, your life was saved by the psalms you love so much. You have taught me that God's psalms are more powerful than the guns of men."